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Ancient Chinese procedure puts aching pets at ease

By ALISON ALOISIO

When veterinarian Dr. Gary Stuer suggests acupuncture for an ailing dog, he usually gets a look of surprise from the human owner.

But, Stuer says, after he's done putting needles in the animal — often for a painful back — the pet owner usually asks, "Can you do that for me?"

That's because as soon as an acupuncture treatment starts, "you can just see the animal relax," said Stuer.

Trained in traditional veterinary medicine, Stuer took an introductory course in acupuncture seven years ago, "just out of interest," he said.

Chinese acupuncture, used for thousands of years, is based on the theory that energy flows through the body along certain pathways.

An imbalance in the flow at any point along the pathway may cause or contribute to illness.

The practice employs very thin sterile needles inserted at particular points.

Acupuncture has been shown to provide increased oxygen and blood flow, aid production of natural anti-inflammatory substances, stimulate the immune response and increase production of natural painkillers in the brain.

Stopping the spasms

After taking the class, Stuer began to use acupuncture occasionally with dogs suffering from back pain — anything ranging from swollen disks to muscular problems.

With back conditions, he said, the muscles often go into

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Group explores alternative treatments for the rest of us

By ALISON ALOISIO

Seeing the benefits that a non-traditional healing practice had on his four-legged patients, Dr. Gary Stuer began thinking about human applications.

His work with acupuncture, he said, "awakened my interest in things that support my personal health."

So Stuer took up meditation as a way to relax and reduce stress. And he got to know several local practitioners of other healing techniques.

There were psychotherapists, holistic counselors, massage and Reiki therapists and shamanic practitioners.

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Woodstock board goes on record in support of Route 26 bypass

By ALISON ALOISIO

When MDOT came to Woodstock last month to take a look at a possible bypass route for Route 26, town officials went along for the ride.

Now, they're trying to help steer.

MDOT planners Dale Doughty and Carl Croce left last month impressed with the bypass proposal, which originated with Norm Putnam, chairman of the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The issue of the bypass, which has been discussed off and on for years, surfaced again most recently when the committee was drawing up

the Comprehensive Plan.

A bypass would avoid five sites along Route 26 in Bryant Pond that pose safety issues: Merrifield Hill, the Rumford Avenue intersection, the sharp curve in the village, the ball field and the roadside spring.

The bypass route would roughly follow a path that would leave Route 26 below the power line on Merrifield Hill, cross Rumford Avenue, go around the back side of Summit Hill and return to Route 26 north of the spring.

Vern Maxfield, Woodstock town manager, said after the MDOT visit that the town would wait to hear back from

the transportation department on the idea.

But two weeks ago, the issue came up again at a regional transportation meeting with MDOT Commissioner David Cole.

Putnam attended that meeting, and last week suggested to Woodstock selectmen that they take a more proactive approach.

He presented a draft of a letter asking Cole to give first priority to the bypass over other Route 26 projects in the town.

That other work includes improvements planned next

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Re-elected Hanover selectman to have short term

By ALISON ALOISIO

Hanover voters narrowly re-elected Scott Gould as selectman at Tuesday's annual Town Meeting.

Gould prevailed 18-11 over Wayne Smith, who did not attend the meeting.

Just before the vote, Gould told townspeople that he planned to move out of town before another three-year term would be up.

"I'm willing to continue as long as I'm here," he said, but predicted that would likely be only a year or so.

The 30 residents attending the meeting also re-elected Clem Worcester as town clerk, treasurer and tax collector to one-year terms each. They also returned Debbie Barlow to the School Committee for

another three-year term.

Both Worcester and Barlow were unopposed.

The townspeople acted on the 45 articles in about an hour and a half. All those with a yes/no vote were approved.

The 2005 budget totals \$333,243, down about \$6,000 from last year.

The article generating the most discussion was one that routinely appears on most Town Meeting warrants — it requested authorization for selectmen to dispose of prop-

erty acquired through the expiration of tax liens and to issue quit claim deeds for the disposal of such property.

Several voters said selectmen should make a point to publicize such properties so that Hanover residents could have the first chance to bid on them.

One suggested townspeople authorize selectmen to act on specific properties at each annual Town Meeting.

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Heavy turnout expected Tuesday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Local voting registrars and polling workers are expecting a long and busy day Tuesday.

Over the past month approximately 60 new voters have registered in Bethel — four times as many as in a typical presidential-election year, according to Registrar of Voters Christen Mason.

"We've never seen this many new registrations," Mason said.

Smaller towns in the area are generally seeing similar levels of activity in registrations and/or absentee balloting.

The major reason for high voter interest is the presidential election, which is being billed by many observers as "the most important election in our lifetime."

But there are also state and

local decisions that are generating plenty of interest in their own right.

Tuesday's statewide referendum ballot has only two articles, but both — one calling for a ban on certain forms of bear hunting, the other for placing a cap on local property taxes (see related story) — have stirred strong feelings.

Elections

Voters on Tuesday will also select the people who will represent them for the next two years in Augusta, and in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the race for the U.S. House, first-term Democratic incumbent Mike Michaud of East Millinocket is seeking re-election to his Second District seat.

He is being challenged by

WILL THE CURSE BE LIFTED BY HALLOWEEN?

Sue and Wesley Carr of Rumford Point are treating passing motorists on Route 2 to a lawn display of several dozen lighted pumpkins this Halloween season, but with a timely twist — a glowing message of support for New England's favorite baseball team. (The count was three down, one to go, as of the time the Citizen went to press Wednesday.) (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Republican Brian Hamel of Presque Isle, and by Socialist Equality Party candidate Carl Cooley of Jackson.

The local state Senate race has a new number but familiar faces.

As a result of redistricting in 2003, local towns that were formerly in Senate District 24, are now in District 14, as is West Paris, which prior to redistricting had been in District 25.

The race in District 14 features a rematch between Democrat Bruce Bryant and Republican Rob Cameron.

In 2002 the two, both of whom had served as state representatives, faced off for the Senate seat being vacated by term-limited Republican Norm Ferguson of Hanover.

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Town services and local control seen at risk if Question 1 passes

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Question 1 on the referendum ballot for Tuesday's election — the so-called Palesky tax cap — was the topic of a Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting last week.

Of the two dozen or so local officials and businesspeople who turned out, only one, former state Representative and Bethel Selectman Al Barth, spoke in favor of the measure.

The Palesky measure would limit property taxes to 1 percent of assessed valuation.

Due to the numerous legal and economic variables involved in the proposal, it is impossible to know exactly what effect it would have on individual towns — other than that it would significantly cut back the amount of money they could raise from property taxes.

"There are too many ifs," said Hanover Selectman

Bruce Powell.

Nonetheless an analysis prepared by the Maine Municipal Association suggests that if Question 1 passes, towns in this area would generally see a drop in tax revenues of from 15 to 40 percent.

The exact amount of lost taxes would depend in part on what aspects of the Palesky plan survived the expected legal challenges.

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Local polling hours and locations

Town	Hours	Location	Voters	House Dist.*
Albany	9-8	Town Hall	318	91
Andover	10-8	Town Hall	675	92
Bethel/Mason	8-8	CPS Gym	1755-40	91
Gilead	10-8	Town Hall	145	91
Greenwood	10-8	Municipal Bldg.	557	95
Hanover	10-8	Town Office	196	91
Newry	10-8	Town Office	240	91
Upton	10-8	Town Office	62	91
West Paris	8-8	Town Office	1200	95
W'stock/Milton	8-8	Town Office	961/95	91

* All towns and townships listed above are now in state Senate District 14

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this weekend!

Also be sure to check the batteries in your smoke detector.

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Letters

RESPONSE TO SUZANNE DUNHAM

To the Editor:

After much thought this past weekend, I decided I would like to respond to Suzanne's letter to the editor in last week's Citizen.

I'm the town employee that she spoke about in her letter. I want everyone to know that what I said at the Town Meeting to recall Ivan Roberts were my thoughts, my feelings, and my words — not Marie Bartlett's.

I take full responsibility for everything I said. I once told Ivan that if I was to speak I would tell the truth, not add anything nor subtract anything, and that is exactly what I did.

I'm sorry that Suzanne feels the way she does, but I did what I thought was right and in the best interest of the town of Greenwood.

I would also like to invite everyone to come to the Greenwood selectmen's meetings.

In the almost six years that I've worked for the town, we've had hardly any residents attend these meetings. They are the first and third Tuesdays of every month starting at 5 p.m. If there is something you would like to see done, or feel the selectmen aren't doing enough, please come to the meetings and voice your opinion — that's what these meetings are for. No one should feel intimidated to come to these meetings — everyone has a right to their opinion. The selectmen aren't going to know how you feel or what you want done if you don't speak up. Town Manager Kim Sparks and I are working on getting a Web site for the town that will have a page to post the minutes of each meeting and a message board for you to voice your opinions and requests. Until that is complete, the minutes and recordings of selectmen's meetings are available for public inspection at the Town Office during regular office hours (usually within a day or two after the meeting — depending on how busy we are in the office).

Angela Lovejoy
Deputy Clerk, Town of Greenwood

FOREST PLAN OPEN HOUSE

To the Editor:

Have you ever been to the White Mountain National Forest and thought, "If I ran the Forest, things would be different?"

Maybe there's not enough camping, or too much.

Maybe there's not enough wilderness, or just enough.

Maybe you see logging as an eyesore, or perhaps as a means to provide diverse wildlife habitat.

And are those trees meant to provide wood products for us humans, or do they serve some other purposes? Do we need more — or less — trails or backcountry shelters or roads? Should off-road vehicles be allowed or not?

You get the idea — the questions are many, and you can bet that getting to the answers is a long, bumpy road.

The Forest Plan provides the direction for balancing uses and protecting the environment in the White Mountain National Forest. The plan tells us where we can log, build, drive, ride, and develop, and where we can't do any of that. It dictates levels of use — how much logging, how many miles of trails, how many acres of wilderness, etc.

It's been 18 years since the last plan was put in place for the White Mountain National Forest, and we've learned a lot since then.

We have new scientific research in the journals. We've monitored uses and know better their environmental effects. We've had plant and animal species come and go on the endangered species list, and we've seen conflicts among recreationists as new ways to play emerged and sharing the land with each other became a challenge.

The Forest Service is considering all we've learned, and is proposing a newly revised and updated Forest Plan.

The public has been part of the process since the start, attending meetings and offering comments to address the many and changing values and needs that people have for the land.

The new Forest Plan is a draft — a proposal offered up for your review and comment.

It's one of four proposed management alternatives being considered. The public comment period for these alternatives is open until Dec. 17.

All are invited to attend an Open House at the Evans Notch Ranger Station on Mayville Road (next to Crossroads Diner) on Nov. 3 between 2 and 7 p.m.

Forest Planners will be there with maps and information to explain the alternatives, answer questions, and show you how to submit your comments to be considered before a final decision is made.

Although we are lucky to live in a state with lots of wild and accessible land, we are extra fortunate in western Maine to have the national forest as our neighbor.

It's a precious parcel of public land in a state that is overwhelmingly in private ownership. It provides year-round recreation as well as products and business to support local enterprises.

As citizens we have the right and the responsibility to be involved in the decisions about the uses and management of the National Forest, and I urge you to attend the Open House on Nov. 3 to learn more about it.

Pat Nasta
USFS, Bethel

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LEGION TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN

To the Editor:

Every year around Oct. 31, children's fantasies come true. They look forward to dressing up as their favorite character and knocking on neighbors' doors to ask the age-old question "Trick or Treat?" Not too surprisingly, they usually get what they want — a bag full of sweets and goodies. However, each child's fantasies can sour if parents and children do not properly prepare for a safe night. As long as Halloween activities are sponsored and promoted in local communities, the American Legion Family wants to make this observance as safe as possible and encourage following a few safety reminders: A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats. Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils. Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. Try to portion treats for the days following Halloween. Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.

A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. Remind trick-or-treaters: Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going; only go to homes with a porch light on; remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk; if no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic; never cut across yards or use alleys; never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat; obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations; only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom); don't assume the right of way — motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will. Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity. Remember that Halloween is for children of all ages, so get involved with your little ghost or goblin.

Jeri Brooks Greenwell
Department Children and Youth Chairman

YES ON TWO

To the Editor:

Voting yes on referendum Question Two (banning baiting, trapping and hounding) will not affect hunting in Maine because Question Two is not an anti-hunting referendum. The passing of this bill does nothing to prevent hunting bear by fair methods; nor does it interfere with what wildlife biologists call nuisance animal control. Economically powerful opponents of the bear referendum have utilized anti-hunting propaganda as a scare tactic to help further their political agenda, and to divert us from the real issue, which is whether or not the voters of Maine want to continue to support needless animal suffering.

The three practices: the use of steel traps, hunting with radio-collared dogs and bear baiting are cruel and unnecessary ways to kill bears. Maine is the only state left in the country that still allows all three. In 2002, of the bears killed in Maine, 152 were mothers and 258 were cubs under a year old. The third practice, bear baiting, is used by guides who lure out-of-state trophy hunters into Maine for a "sure kill." Setting out sticky foods like old donuts before the season opens, the bear becomes acclimated to the free food. It is then shot from a tree stand/or blind often while its head is stuck in a can. This last practice calls into question the integrity of the Maine Inland Fish and Wildlife Service, who says that people should never feed bears, while it supports bear baiting for trophy hunting.

The three states that have most recently banned the three practices (Colorado, Oregon, Washington) have not seen an increase in bear populations. Black bears are the second lowest reproducing animals in North America and as most biologists will tell you, they self regulate their numbers without the need for human intervention.

Although I am not a hunter, I have many friends who do hunt responsibly, and I am hoping that Mainers will choose to preserve its tradition of ethical hunting practices by voting yes on Question 2, instead of succumbing to the pressure to continue to support needless animal suffering.

Sara Wright
Greenwood

NO ON TWO

To the Editor:

We've all seen them. The TV ads with a bear in a "trap." Please know, this is a snare, not a trap. The biologists use this manner to study bears. The bear can be released unharmed. It may seem horrifying to see someone shooting the bear. Please remember the process that steak, chicken or fish landed on a plate. Would anyone want to watch that process?

I am a hunter, my husband is a Registered Maine Guide. Trapping is a low percentage of bears harvested. "Hound hunting" and "bait hunting" may sound easy. Before using these forms of hunting we didn't realize how much work it is. We can be very selective using these manners of hunting. "Still hunting," or walking through the woods, for bear hunters can't be as selective because if they shoot a bear at a distance they have no idea if this is a "sow" with cubs or not. "Hound hunting" and "bait hunting" hunters see the cubs, letting them go — "mom" and cubs both.

Please listen to the biologists who are against this referendum. The state of Maine needs to harvest nearly 4,000 bears every year. If we do not vote No on Nov. 2, where will all the bears go?

No, bears are not "self regulating." We will be overrun. We're overrun now. We had three nuisance bears at our house this summer. We have bear dogs at our house. The bears weren't bothered by them at all. Some days the bears were here at 10 a.m. I can't imagine what will happen if we get rid of the best means of controlling the population.

Now, remember all of the people who will lose everything they own because hunting season is when they earn their money to live. No, it may not be a way everyone wants to live or hunt. Please don't dictate how others do.

As hunters, we've had to defend ourselves to "non-hunters." We do this as a family. We have four bear tags we could fill every year. Each one of us could shoot a bear every year if it were just about killing. It's not. We also hunt deer. We fill our freezer from the animals we harvest. (The grocery store fills others.) We don't need to harvest four bears. My boys alternate each year on who shoots a bear. This year, knowing it could be our last year, we could have gone out and "killed" four bears, but like I said, that's not what it's all about.

To the "non-hunters," please get the facts on this issue. To the "hunters" against this form of hunting, remember the times you've had to defend "your" way of hunting? Where will it end? "Your" way of hunting may not seem "morally" right to someone else. Just think about it. On Nov. 2, vote no on 2, for safety, for science.

Lori McPherson
Rumford Point

WILDLIFE IS A RENEWABLE RESOURCE

To the Editor:

On Nov. 2 we will be voting on an issue that could have a huge impact on our state. Question 2 is bigger than most people think. How much money do you think the state will lose if this passes? And just how easy do you think it is to shoot a bear over bait? Well here are some numbers.

There were 18,236 bear permits issued last year and there were only 3,900 bears taken by hunters. So it's really not that easy. And how much money will the state lose? There were 13,236 bear permits issued last year, 47 percent were nonresident, 6,220. Eighty-eight dollars for a big game hunting license and \$68 for a bear permit; that's \$970,320 in nonresident license fees alone, not to mention how much money they spend when they are up here hunting. They spend money on lodging, food, gas and help keep some of our small businesses going through the off season, and in some parts of the state it is the season. And a lot of them hire guides and taxidermists. And they have to pay a license fee as well and these are jobs for working people.

So why do we want to do away with more jobs throughout the state. Haven't we lost enough jobs in the last 20 years? This referendum is financed by a group that wants to stop all hunting, so who's to say this will stop at just bear baiting, trapping and hunting with hounds. I am not sure, but aren't the game wardens and biologists' wages paid from license fees? Can the Fish and Game Department afford to lose over a million dollars a year in just license fees? If it does, who is going to pay our game wardens, our tax dollars? What would happen to Maine's economy if it were to lose the lobster industry? Aren't they baited and trapped and kept in captivity and then dropped into boiling water? Wildlife is one of Maine's renewable resources, so let's utilize it and keep Maine working.

Scott Berry
Bethel

THE BUMPKIN FACTOR

To the Editor:

The fact that there is a debate about bear baiting represents a clear indictment of the "Bumpkin Factor," which permeates our state. Anyone with a modicum of humanity can plainly see that this method of "hunting" is a barbaric practice of unspeakable proportion. The fact that bears are self-regulating in the wild is prima facie evidence for the argument against the need to kill the appalling number of 2,300 bears yearly, as claimed by the Fish and Wildlife. Just who was in charge of bears before white men came to this continent in the 1600s? It may be argued that the human population is growing thereby necessitating greater controls, but that argument also serves to point out that, as our population expands, we more and more encroach upon the ancient territories of our precious wildlife. Instead of fear-mongering, Fish and Wildlife might devote its considerable resources to educate the public, especially our children, about the lives of the bears and other wildlife in the woods around us, and what to do when a bear is sighted, how to behave if confronted, how to keep things safe for people and for bears.

It should be said that your vote against bear baiting will not eliminate or reduce hunting. It is merely one step along the ethical high road, and in so doing Mainers will take a big step up from the unfortunate, but long-standing image as a bunch of wild-eyed gun-totin' backwoodsmen.

Kathy Berberian, Bryant Pond

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN
10 years ago: Crescent Park School teacher Ellen Greeke received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching. She had taught at CPS for three years and prior to that was on staff at Woodstock Elementary School.

Preliminary site preparation had begun for the station and Casablanca building at the Bethel Station development on Cross Street. Jim Wiles' old cider mill had been scheduled for early destruction.

The Bethel Inn and Country Club announced plans for 12 living shared-ownership Vacation Home Units.

Ed Hemny, a recent graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida had joined Bethel Air Service as a pilot and instructor.

Births: Benjamin Robert Bancroft Brown, Jarred Carl Loring.

Deaths: Elizabeth S. Young, Francis E. Boynton Jr., Robert V. Chapman, Minnie Pearl Hines.

20 years ago: William Judson, Bethel town manager since March of 1982, resigned to accept a position as economic development officer for Franklin County.

North Yarmouth Academy defeated the Telstar Rebels 2 to 1 in Western Maine Tournament quarterfinal soccer play.

The old garage at the Greenwood Historical Society had been torn down and "much improved" the look of the grounds.

Birth: Justin Clark Tibbets. Death: Marion A. Kendall.

30 years ago: The Dr. Moses Mason House Museum had 761 visitors from July 1 to Oct. 20.

Telstar's Rebels defeated host Livermore Falls High School 29-14 in football under the lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bartlett of Rumford Center observed their 50th wedding anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cole of Gilead their 40th.

Births: Heather Ann Keniston, Billie-Jo Robinson, Victoria Lea Schroeder, Tobias Mervin Farrington.

Deaths: William Hadakin, Mary A. Grindle, William C. Chapman II.

40 years ago: P.H. Chadbourn was awarded a \$150,617 road construction project in Phippsburg.

Dr. John Young had moved his practice to a new office at the rear of his home on Broad Street.

Gould cross-country runners qualified for the State Class M meet with a victory at Farmington, Vaughan Damone of Gould was the winner with teammate Bob Everett second.

50 years ago: Although leading at one time in the second period 7-6, the Gould football eleven was finally worn down by Class "L" Chevrons of Portland 26 to 7.

Cpl. Eldon Greenleaf returned home after two years in the service, 16 months of the service was in Japan.

The Magalloway correspondent reported that "a lot of trucks were hauling pulpwood from above Sturtivant Pond" to Berlin.

Birth: Terry Lou Berry.

Death: Arthur G. Coolidge.</p

Briefly

Sheriff wants three more deputies

PARIS — The Oxford County Sheriff's Department has asked for \$186,500 in next year's budget for three new law enforcement officers. Sheriff Skip Herrick told county commissioners and the Budget Committee at a recent meeting that an increase in calls, more time needed to cover them and a growing population prompted the request. He said he has asked for more officers for the past several years, but has been turned down. His total budget proposal of \$953,000 is a 28 percent hike over the 2004 figure of \$742,000. The commissioners and the committee will meet again at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 to continue work of the proposed county budget of \$4.9 million, which is an increase of 13 percent over last year's \$4.3 million.

Accident reports now online

AUGUSTA — Obtaining a motor vehicle crash report in Maine is now easier and faster thanks to a new online crash reporting system launched by the Maine State Police. In the past, obtaining a crash report required a written request and a manual search on microfilm for the information. Now individuals and insurance companies can obtain a crash report online, usually within an hour. The new service is at www.maine.gov/mcrs and there are also links from the State of Maine, Department of Public Safety and State Police web pages. The new service allows users to search for a crash report online from the State Police's crash database at no cost. The flexibility of the system allows for crash report searches to be performed using name, date of birth, crash location, crash date or investigating agency. Once a crash report is located, it can be purchased for a \$5 fee, the same cost when the system was manual. Each year, there are about 44,000 motor vehicle crashes in Maine that require a crash report to be completed by municipal police, sheriff's department or State Police. Those reports are then maintained by the State Police Traffic Division in Augusta. The reports also continue to be available from the municipal police or sheriff's department which investigated the crash. The online service has data on all crashes since Jan. 1, 2003. Information sought on pre-2003 crashes would continue to be researched by hand, but users can make that request online.

Veterans' observances at MVH

PARIS — The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris will host a Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at the South Paris facility, located at 477 High St. Guest speaker for the event will be Robin Shepard, Veterans Service Officer from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Veterans' Services. In another ceremony on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m., MVH will be presented with a set of plaques commemorating each branch of the service. The plaques were donated by Petty Officer Second Class Jesse K. Conde, stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. His motivation for the gift came from visiting the WWII Memorial dedication in May of this year. He talked to his in-laws, Jerry and Jeri Greenwell of Bethel, and the idea was presented to the South Paris facility. The display is being presented by Conde, in memory of Jeri Greenwell's mother, Carolyn Brooks, a Marine veteran who resided at the home. The public is invited to both ceremonies. Refreshments will be served and staff will be available for tours of the facility. For more information, call 743-6300, or visit the MVH website at maineveteranshomes.org.

Man reports seeing a cougar

WHITEFIELD, N.H. — A Lancaster resident reported last week that he and his daughter sighted a cougar on Route 3 in Whitefield. Derek Patterson, a school teacher, said he was certain the animal that crossed the road in front of him was a big cat. He said he had long been skeptical about the possible presence of cougars in this part of the U.S., but he is now a believer. Several other sightings have been reported by area residents over the past few years.

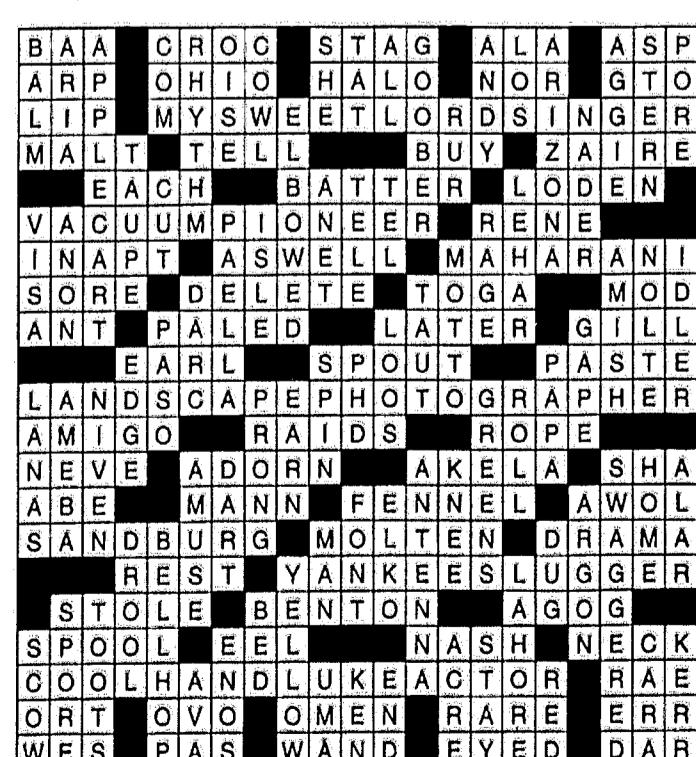
'Riverfire' planned in N.H.

BERLIN, N.H. — An event billed as the first ever "Riverfire" on the Androscoggin River will take place Saturday evening in Berlin. The family-oriented activities, many of them in the area of the Northern Forest Heritage Park amphitheater, will include a costume parade, a free concert by local musicians and hay rides. Food vendors will provide refreshments. Along the river, on the boom piers, will be a series of fire displays. For more information call (613) 752-2010 or 752-6060.

Jodrey is business 'guardian'

FREEPOR — Rep. Arlan R. Jodrey (R-Bethel) was recently named a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business Maine Chapter for voting in strong support of small business in the 2003-2004 legislative sessions. "NFIB Guardian awards go to those legislators who by their votes have demonstrated key support for small business. Rep. Jodrey, by a 100-percent voting record on some tough issues, has been a proven supporter of the small business owner in Maine when it counts," David R. Clough, NFIB Maine State Director, said in presenting the award.

Super Crossword Answers



From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, Oct. 24

At 3:24 p.m. Officer William Britting responded to a Flat Road residence for a subject who had suffered a hand injury in a chain-saw accident.

Saturday, Oct. 23

At 12:58 a.m. Officer Shane Thomas stopped a vehicle operating erratically on Route 2. Carolyn S. Brown, 40, was arrested for OUI.

At 8:50 a.m. Officer Michael Grenier assisted the Bethel Fire Department with a pickup truck fire on Route 26.

Friday, Oct. 22

At 12:40 a.m. Officer Shane Thomas stopped a vehicle on the Sunday River Road for operating erratically. The passenger, a foreigner, did not have a passport with him. The Border Patrol was notified, and a check showed no record that he had entered the U.S. The BP officer said that was not uncommon, however. The subject was then escorted to the residence where he was staying, where he was able to produce a passport and prove he was in the U.S. legally. The BP officer was again contacted, and planned to meet with the subject.

At 2:25 p.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to an accident at the intersection of Route 26 and the Intervale Road. A motorcycle had struck a car.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

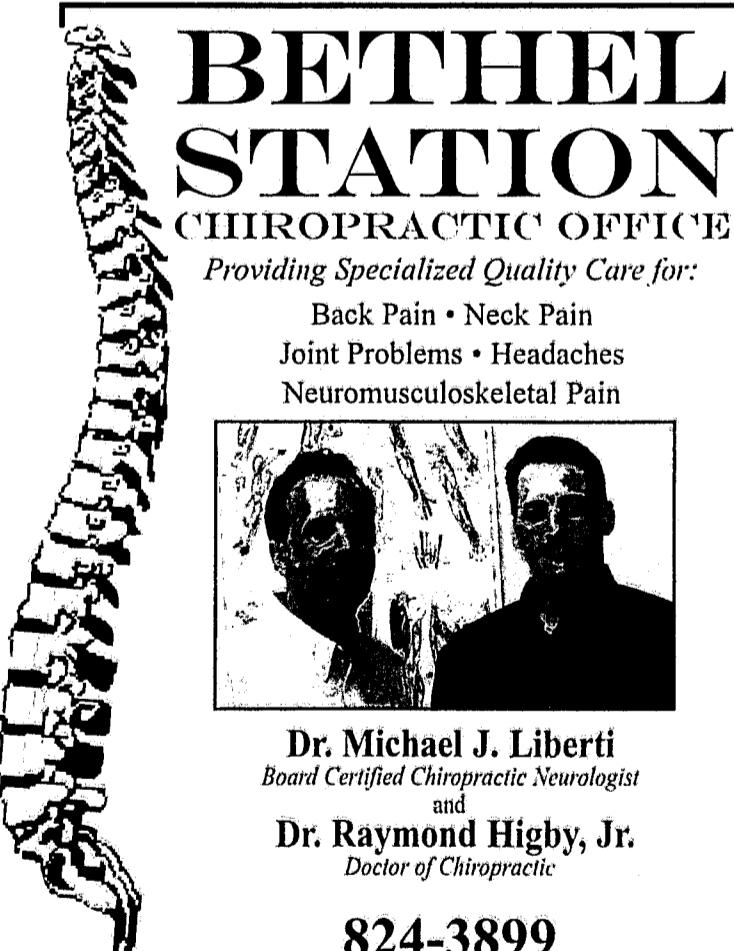


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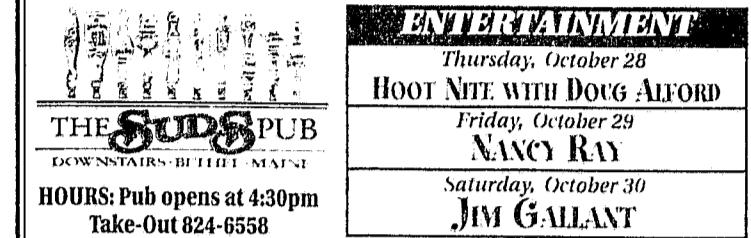
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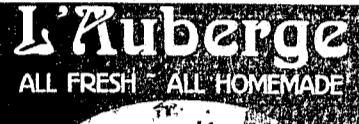
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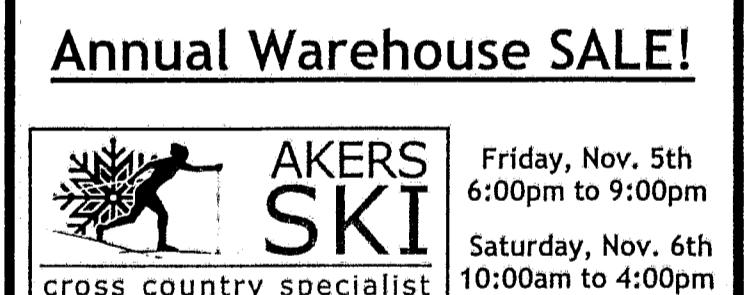
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Letters

THE BEAR HUNT DILEMMA

To the Editor:

My husband and I have lived for 25 years in the hills of western Maine on a rural farm bordering some quite wild country. Though we live in a hunting haven, we are voting yes on Two for the elimination of hunting dogs, traps and bait for bear hunting. Most bear hunters, many of them professional guides, currently using these techniques have balked at the potential loss of these easier hunting methods for the elusive bear, a very difficult animal to hunt, and this is why.

Use of hunting dogs makes the chase outnumbered and unfair but easy for the pursuers. The bait consisting of large amounts of enticing old doughnuts, sweet breads, pig heads and garbage (I have seen these baits) only conditions the elusive bears to eat human food at a certain location with a source that never runs out. It is well known with those who work closely with bears that once bears discover easy human food, their natural feeding habits change and they can and will most likely become nuisance bears. Thoroughly cruel, torturous and barbaric leg traps hold the animal, for how long, until the hunters (or guides with their clientele) are ready to kill it at their convenience.

If the sport of seeking the elusive bear were truly a sport, the bear hunters would be out in the open, on foot, toting their ammunition and guns, challenging the bear by using the knowledge, talents and tracking skills of a true and wise hunter, making a bear kill an honest and well-earned trophy. I wish all hunters well and respect their rights for their sport. We, the people of Maine, have the responsibility and opportunity to fix these cruel, abusive and unbalanced bear hunting practices now.

As a final note, it is a fact that after 10 years of voter-banned hounding and baiting, bear hunting licenses have tripled in Colorado and doubled in Oregon and Washington, which have brought more revenue to these states. Their levels of bear kills have also increased. So it is already proven that eliminating cruel bear hunting practices actually do pay off and benefit everyone.

Deborah Howe
Waterford

SPINNING US MERI-LY DOWN THE RIVER

To the Editor:

It is the season for partisan politics and the opportunity and responsibility that our suitable but imperfect government affords and demands of us. It is the season to shout our beliefs from the street corners, balconies and the stages, and by so doing to encourage those who agree with us to come join us, to stand with us and to profess publicly and vigorously the ideals on which we agree, defining values which will guide us for the next term.

This is an urgent and earnest undertaking that under the best of circumstances, renews the balance of power and establishes common goals for society and our communities to collaborate upon based on mutual trust and common goals.

Unfortunately, there are those "legal persons" without heart, body or soul who would subvert this process as they, on a daily basis, seek to gain from the wealth of our land, waters and air, from the strength and health of our workforce and the capital of our communities without accepting a full measure of social, environmental and economic responsibility proportionate to their gains.

Cloaking themselves as non-partisan, members of MERI have, once again, subjectively scored our legislators (over 50 percent of score) by focusing on a small number of votes that seek to protect workers' rights (37-45 percent), demand large businesses be responsible (25-29 percent) and protect our environment (13 percent).

It is certainly legal and ethical to acknowledge one's special interests and lobby within rules and, to seek influence over public opinion.

It is unconscionable to purport to be objective when, like Ken Lay's expense reports, the bottom line is the starting point and the facts presented are only those that support the desired outcome.

MERI engages in spin of the most despicable kind, by pretending to be objective.

Partisans are those who "militantly support a party or a cause" according to Merriam Webster. My observation is that MERI seems to be overtly partisan and their cause is to promote economic policy primarily for large businesses, not for the good of the people, small business owners, professionals, craftspeople, who call Maine home.

Ignoring, Dirigo Health Care, Economic Development Bonding and Pine Tree Zones in their ratings, all initiatives that support business development and growth exposes this partisanship and creates perspective for evaluating the MERI ratings and candidates that point to them.

Therefore, when evaluating candidates by the MERI ratings you might consider extremely high ratings to be compatible with your goals if you are trying to own Maine. Supporting legislators and candidates with moderate to lower scores may behove those who intend to live here.

(I am the Treasurer of the Oxford County Democratic Committee, a member of the Democratic State Committee, was a member of the Kerry delegation to the DNC. I am also an ISM Certified Purchasing Manager (by ISM) with over 35 years of business experience.)

Mike Broderick
Bethel

CLARIFICATION—Land fund comments not intended as letter to the editor. In last week's Citizen, State Rep. H. Sawin Millett (R-Waterford) took issue with a letter published here on Aug. 26 from Cathy Newell, chairperson of the Oxford County Democratic Committee, in which she urged voters to contact their local legislators and urge a Special Session of the Legislature to approve a bond issue to replenish the Land for Maine's Future Fund. Newell's communication, however, had not been intended by her as a letter to the editor. Rather, it arrived in our office as an e-mail intended as a private communication to individuals (including Citizen staff) concerned about the proposed state purchase of the properties including Rumford Whitecap, and Buck's and Lapham's ledges. The e-mail, unfortunately, was erroneously perceived here as a letter-to-the-editor submission and published accordingly. The Citizen regrets the error.

Our readers like:

ROB CAMERON

To the Editor:

As I read the local newspapers and listen to the radio I am struck by the absence of comments of what I believe is the real problem in Maine. Even in discussions about the Tax Cap referendum no one has talked about the basic cause of our difficulties. In my opinion many, if not all, of the state's problems are caused by a Legislature that has been dominated by one political party for many years.

During this period our taxes have risen, both local and state, until in the last two years taxpayers have indicated by referendums they have had enough. Last year their vote showed very clearly that the state should be responsible for a larger portion of school costs. The Legislature, controlled by one party, did nothing and the governor of the same party stood by and did not exercise any leadership. In this coming election we are faced with another tax referendum that if it passes will try to make the Legislature act responsibly.

The best way to ensure that positive action will result from the election is to elect a Republican Legislature. I am sure that if this occurs positive action will take place with the state benefiting by the change.

In my senatorial district Rob Cameron, a former Representative, is running for the Senate. He has previous experience in the operation of state government and has a positive outlook for the future. In addition to this, his rating by MERI (Maine Economic Research Institute) is over four times higher than his opponent.

While some voters may question the value of a MERI rating, it is the result of businesses themselves establishing a criteria and measuring the actions of legislators against these goals. One of the paper companies that left Maine went to Kentucky where the economy is friendlier.

If the state wants to influence businesses to come to Maine, it must act to provide an attitude of being friendly to businesses. The best way to do this is to elect legislators who are friendly to them.

I heartily endorse Rob Cameron, who will help provide this friendly welcome.

Norman A. Putnam
Woodstock

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

This letter is written in support of Tim Carter, the Democratic choice for Representative to the House from District 91.

Tim was raised in the Middle Intervale section of Bethel. In fact, his family history in the Bethel area goes back six generations to Dr. Timothy Carter, a physician and founding member of the community. Tim and his wife Jodi raised three children, all of whom attended the local public school system. Two of his children remain in the area with his son John following in his father's footsteps by carrying on the family tradition of farming the original homestead. Tim left the farm to serve in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington during the Clinton administration, which has given him a unique perspective on the challenges facing the nation's agricultural and rural communities. He has also served in numerous capacities over the years on state and local boards as well as commissions related to natural resource-based commerce. Tim's particular concerns, in addition to agriculture, are healthcare, public education and environmental issues.

Many of you supported me two years ago for the position Tim is now seeking. When I chose not to run again, Tim stepped up to the plate and is enthusiastically offering his time, energy and talent to represent the residents of District 91 in the Maine House of Representatives. I believe he has the knowledge and commitment to represent us fairly, earnestly and with integrity. Please join me in voting for Tim Carter on Nov. 2.

Shirley Powell
Hanover

Our readers like:

BRUCE BRYANT

To the Editor:

Sen. Bruce Bryant is a true leader in the Senate who deserves to be re-elected to continue to work on many issues for this area. As the manager of Bruce's campaign, I have been struck by how many diverse people are grateful for the work he has done in the past two years. A small woodlot owner in Waterford, dialysis patients in the northern part of the county, the family in Bethel seeking to expand meningitis notification, the local ATV club, fellow legislators, and the Canton fire chief all expressed their gratitude for Bruce's help. It goes beyond gratitude to a genuine respect for Bruce as a person.

However, the major accomplishment has certainly been the strong voice that Bruce provided for the Advanced Technology Center, for the effort to outlaw liquidation harvesting and to support the dairy industry. I have visited the Legislature frequently and had the opportunity to see Bruce chair his committees and to watch him lining up support in the Senate for issues important to his constituents. He is amazing — must have been learning to work things out with his nine brothers and sisters, or maybe negotiating and leading as president of Local 900. Whatever it is, the results have paid off for his district and he will be in a position to deliver more in his second term. Please join me in voting for Bryant on Nov. 2.

Cathy Newell, Chairperson, Oxford County Democratic Committee, Greenwood

ROB CAMERON

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of a good friend, Rob Cameron, for Senate District 14. He grew up on a Rumford dairy farm where he and his wife raised their four children. They continue to live and farm the land while enjoying their grandchildren. He earned a degree in agriculture from the University of Maine Orono and was a director of the Oxford County Fair for two decades. He knows the trials and tribulations of the farmer and small business owner. He was a member of the Maine House of Representatives from 1992-2000. He sponsored the inherent dangers law, which now includes snowboards along with skiing and has helped Maine's ski areas stay in business. He is active in the community. He is a western Maine vice president of the Maine Snowmobile Association and president of the Rumford Polar Bear Snowmobile Club. He was so concerned about taxpayer money he chose to run as a traditional candidate.

He has raised all his own money for his Senate race and used no taxpayer dollars to actively seek the Senate District 14 seat. This gentleman is concerned for the taxpayer, the community and small business. I ask that voters support this gentleman Nov. 2 for Senate District 14. Please cast a vote for Rob Cameron to be senator. I know I will.

Paul Billings, Oxford County Republican Chairman, Woodstock

BRUCE BRYANT

To the Editor:

I support re-election of Sen. Bruce Bryant to represent District 14. Bryant has served the people of our district with distinction as chairman of both the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation and the Committee on Fish and Wildlife. Bruce led efforts to sustain forestry, agriculture, fish and wildlife and quality-of-life. These assets are the foundation for jobs, businesses, hunting, fishing and quality-of-life. These assets are the magnet attracting and keeping businesses, families, tourists, and retirees.

Bryant has earned respect and clout in Augusta. Bruce, for example, forged a consensus for regulations to control liquidation harvesting of our forests, drafted by the Maine Forest Service at the request of the Legislature. The Forest Service had developed these regulations over two years of fieldwork and consultation with landowners, foresters, loggers, industries and environmentalists. Liquidation harvesting has been destroying our vital heritage of sustainable forests, central to western Maine's economy, community fabric and quality-of-life. As a certified tree farmer, I and my neighbor experienced the ravages of adjacent short-sighted liquidation harvesting. Liquidation depletes forever our region's timber resources and decimates the critical mass of markets and service industries on which woodland owners depend.

Bryant also sponsored legislation to help dairy farmers survive, critical to our district's economy and appealing countryside. For healthcare, Bruce led legislation to enable uninsured to obtain healthcare and to reduce insurance and drug costs.

A mill worker himself, Bruce has demonstrated foresight and leadership in addressing our needs as citizens of western Maine and of all our state. (Note: Certified Tree Farm/Conservation Land in Waterford. Retired to Waterford homestead after life career with US Environmental Protection Agency, US Dept. of Interior and Eisenhower Public Works Planning staff.)

Bart Hague, Waterford

ROB CAMERON

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage voters of District 14 to vote for Rob Cameron for Senate. I have worked with Rob on many issues and appreciate the insight that he brings to Augusta. He has earned the respect of his colleagues because of his bipartisan and tenacious approach to resolving issues behind the scenes. Difficult decisions will need to be made in the next two years. It is time to send someone to Augusta that will make the tough decisions.

Join me in voting for Rob Cameron for state Senate.

Karen Brown-Mohr, Bethel

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

Tim Carter is a natural leader and experienced problem-solver whose career as both a local dairy farmer and as Northeast Director in the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes him well suited to understand how government affects the small business owner and individual citizen.

Tim is committed to principles of removing obstacles and regulations that hamper small business — at the same time he understands the importance of natural resource protection to our well-being and the state's economy, a perspective that Tim's opponent lacks, as evidenced by 100-percent anti-environment votes in the 2004 session according to the Maine League of Conservation Voters.

House District 91 is made up of a diverse constituency: Tim Carter will bring a balanced voice that reflects that diversity.

Kirk Siegel, Bethel

ARLAN JODREY

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the candidacy of Rep. Arlan Jodrey of Bethel for re-election to the Maine House of Representatives. I have known Arlan for a long time and can attest to his dedication. Arlan has been elected three times to the House of Representatives. This will be his fourth and final term, due to term limits. He is fully trained and knows the ropes. He will continue to give us great representation in Augusta.

Arlan has a long and distinguished record of public service, from being a call fireman for 30 years to serving in the Legislature for three terms. His experience as a selectman and assessor is invaluable when he is dealing with the complex problems of state budgeting. Arlan was Maine's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year in 2002. This gives him the insight to deal with forest-related issues.

I have witnessed Arlan on the job, in Augusta, during my eight-year tenure as state senator. He was generally one of the first to arrive and last to leave. He attends all of his committee meetings and has a 100-percent attendance record. He serves on the Transportation Committee and you may have noticed the road construction in western Maine. Arlan helped bring this about.

Please join me in voting to return Arlan Jodrey to Augusta for his fourth term.

Norm Ferguson, Hanover

TIM CARTER

To the Editor:

Tim Carter of Bethel is a candidate for House District 91 in the Maine Legislature. I have known Tim and his farming family for over 40 years. As a running coach I followed his running career under Ed Styrna at UMO. Styrna recalled Tim as coachable, eager to listen and learn, determined, and hardworking.

Tim retains these valuable traits. He applied them well during seven years of service in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

He will listen to and work hard for his constituents as he determines how best to address complex legislative matters such as affordable healthcare (he supports the Dirigo Health Plan) and education. He will be a strong advocate for environmental matters including forestry, tourism and, of course, agriculture.

Frank A. Vogt, Bethel

ARLAN JODREY

To the Editor:

We are writing to encourage voters to re-elect Arlan Jodrey as state representative for House District 91.

Most informed voters know that Maine has one of the highest tax burdens in the nation while wage earners have the lowest incomes per capita.

Maine's economy is suffering and affects all of us, business owners and consumers alike. Arlan has been given a gold star rating from the non-partisan Maine Research Institute for exceptional voting records on important issues. He has served on agriculture, conservation and forestry committees, transportation plus state and local government committees. Arlan was also selected as "Tree Farmer of the Year" for his commitment and hard work in land management.

Arlan has proven his value to the voters of District 91 and deserves to be re-elected as our representative.

Bettyann and Sonny Hasting, Hastings Farm, Bethel

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Thoughts on The Big One:

TIME FOR CHANGE

To the Editor:

The current presidential race has produced the most deceptive, vitriolic campaign in my lifetime. Both major parties have contributed to this debacle; however, I must award the Republicans the dubious award of "Masters of Deceit." Their saturation of television sound bites and taped phone calls trash John Kerry continue relentlessly — to the point of disgust.

I have concluded that such a preponderance of negative advertising indicates that they have very little positive to say, and are indeed covering up something — probably Bush's own record as president.

Let us take a brief look at that record.

In the 2000 campaign, he said he would unite us as a nation. Today we are the more divided than ever.

After the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, we had the sympathy and support of nearly every nation in the world. Most of that support has completely eroded, because of the current administration's aggressive, unilateral actions.

Immediately after 9/11 he ordered his security advisors to see if Saddam Hussein had any connection to the events leading up to this attack. They reported to him that they could find no connection, whereupon he insisted that they keep on looking to find a connection — which they could not.

He then insisted that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, and they were a grave threat to the security of the United States. This of course has been repeatedly proven to be untrue.

Before getting the support of most of our major allies, he sent around 100,000 of our troops on ships to the Mediterranean to threaten Saddam that an invasion was probably imminent — unless he stepped down as president of Iraq. We were only successful in getting one major ally, Britain, to side with us — while our troops were bobbing at sea, awaiting our negotiations with other nations for support (which did not come) and trying to get permission from nations surrounding Iraq for our troops to cross their territory. Of course, with 100,000 troops poised for action, it would be too embarrassing to bring them home; so the administration chose to invade without adequate international support.

Our military forces proved themselves to be the finest in the world. The Iraq invasion was a tremendous military success with our modern 21st century forces quickly subduing Iraq's antiquated defenses; however, the aftermath has proven to be a disaster. We did indeed quickly conquer Iraq's military forces; however, we were not at all prepared for the aftermath which continues on and on with no defined end in sight.

On the domestic front we have seen a neo-conservative agenda foisted upon us with the nearly complete support of a Congress controlled by the president's party. We are now facing the largest deficit in our nation's history (even the conservative Republicans are concerned), and our trade deficit also grows by leaps and bounds each month. We have lost many, many manufacturing jobs in the last four years — the most since the Hoover presidency. We now have a Drug Plan engineered by the pharmaceutical industry — which protects their massive profits at the expense of those who need protection the most. A huge tax break has been given to the richest Americans — which was previously unheard of while we were at war. There also have been attacks on the environment, citizens' rights (parts of the Patriot Act), Medicare, and a proposed assault on Social Security. After four years of neo-conservative assaults, liberalism looks pretty good — even though it's far from perfect.

After reviewing these past four years, I think it's time for a change. I hope you do also. Please vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2. May God continue to bless America.

Paul Bartlett, Greenwood

AMERICA NEEDS SOMEONE ELSE

To the Editor:

The Republican National Committee has apparently decided on an early Halloween trick or treat visit in the form of a pamphlet in my mailbox trumpeting George Bush the environmentalist. The strategy of Bush's environmental legislation has long been obvious to anyone who checks the details: you put an upright name on it like "Clear Skies Initiative," even though it is comprised of drastic rollbacks of environmental standards, then blame Kerry for opposing it.

That sort of penchant for distortion of fact and outright disinformation would have any normal advertiser or business promptly in court for fraud. But the subterfuge of a president visited on American citizens on issue after issue is as bewildering as it is scary. In the last century nations have suffered too dearly from swallowing such stuff.

But let another Republican speak: Russell Train was Undersecretary of the Interior under Nixon and Ford, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality and second Head of the Environmental Protection Agency. It was Nixon who with bipartisan support created the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. As Train puts it, "these environmental accomplishments represented the most significant area of domestic policy achievement since World War II, and positioned the United States as a world leader in environmental affairs ... That course is now being reversed ... EPA has altered Clean Air regulations to allow old coal-fired plants to avoid, indefinitely, full control of their emissions, despite costs to public health ... In consensus, scientists have agreed that global warming has begun and human activity is a contributing factor. Yet the science is disparaged or distorted, and the consensus is ignored ... For EPA, maintaining the integrity of science is vital. In February 2004 the Union of Concerned Scientists, a nationwide organization of eminent scientists, including Nobel laureates, declared in its release of a public report that the process through which science enters into EPA's decisions has been manipulated ... (Train is the author of "Politics, Pollution and Pandas." The article quoted appeared in Patagonia's late fall catalogue.)

Anyone who has kept track of Bush's environmental policy decision the last four years knows what Train is talking about, and it makes this 11th hour hustle for votes all the more disturbing. Bush plays the innocent, like the Halloween youngster smiling, acting bold and asking for candy. But he is a man masking his intentions and asking us to believe him, and that amounts to a wholesale assault on intellectual integrity and on knowledge itself. Our country is in deep trouble if it cannot, or simply will not, see behind the political mask. We can favor or not favor one environmental policy or the other, but nobody will thrive long if science and the consensus of the best minds we have are ignored in favor of ideology and the advantages of raw political power.

I am reminded of third party's query of a local farmer as to whether a neighbor was an honest man or a liar. The reply he got was "I don't really know, but I've heard when he wants his cows to come home, he has to get someone else to call them." America needs that someone else.

Richard Taylor, Bethel

KERRY, FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

To the Editor:

My family and I live in Bethel because we value and enjoy the outdoors. This is also why we will vote for John Kerry for president.

For years many people, including some in the government, have been working hard to protect our environment. Progress was made in cleaning up our air and water. Under the current administration there has been a reversal of this progress. Our air and water are being polluted by emissions from coal-burning plants in this country. Some fish are not safe to eat. Respiratory illnesses are increasing. The Bush administration is ignoring global warming.

Our national parks, forests and wildlife refuges are also endangered by this administration. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is at risk because George Bush is determined to drill for oil there. Oil that would not get to market for ten years and would supply this country for less than six months. I was the leader of an AMC hiking group in that spectacular wilderness twenty years ago. It is very special place.

Please join me in voting for John Kerry to protect our environment.

Lynne Zimmerman, Bethel

FOUR MORE YEARS? NO

To the Editor:

It is refreshing to observe Sen. Collins as chair of the committee to develop a bill that will put into practice recommendations of the 9/11 Committee. She is friendly, bipartisan, shows determination and good leadership. She also voted, with Michaud and Allen, against the recent Republican-sponsored billion-dollar giveaway to large corporations.

On the contrary, the Bush administration has been so extremely partisan that our country is bitterly divided. They don't even allow unenrolled, or God forbid Democrats, into their campaigns. Perhaps difficult questions would be asked?

Bush cannot think of any mistakes he has made. I can think of several. For one: The Trickle Down Theory of Reaganomics did not work then and it is not working now. As George Mitchell once said: "We are tired of being trickled on!" Four more years? No.

Nancy Willard, Woodstock

DOES HE BREATHE, BUT NOT INHALE?

To the Editor:

I guess it will be snowin' / Before we will be knowin' / Just where our country's goin' / I'm voting "Kerry-Edwards."

You may choose to disagree, / But it surely seems to me / You should be more offended / That our nation's so upended.

Time was when a reasoned defense / Allowed mind change with new evidence. / Now it's something awful, / The "right" fulminates, "You waffle!" / Be resolute! Be strong! / But what if your premise is wrong? / Yes, be loyal to our troops! / What of lives at risk because of "Oops!"

Recalling partisan action / And investigative protraction / During the previous administration / Leads to the brief "question," / Have you recently heard more on Halliburton or Enron?

And must we find no fault / With weapons of assault / Yet blithely watch slip from us / The right of "Habeas Corpus"?

Or when you assess the clean air laws / Our president would have prevail / You might be led to question him, / "Does he breathe, but not inhale?"

"It's American as apple pie, / Want to hold our heads up high, / We want the ship of state to float, / So why not cast a buoyant vote? / Kerry-Edwards.

Walter Brough, Greenwood

(Editor's note: We received no local letters in support of the Bush-Cheney ticket. —MRD)

Voting

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Bryant prevailed, but by only 12 votes out of the 12,656 cast.

New in that race this year is Julia Justine St. James of Hartford, running under The Fourth Branch banner.

There are three local races for the Maine House of Representatives.

Most towns here are in District 91 (formerly 65), where three-term Republican incumbent Arlan Jodrey of Bethel is seeking re-election.

He is being challenged by Democrat Tim Carter, also of Bethel.

Another, local Republican representative seeking a fourth term is Sawin Millett of Waterford, in District 95, which includes Greenwood and West Paris.

He is being challenged by Democrat Roy Gedat of Norway.

In House District 92, which includes Andover, incumbent Democrat John Patrick of

Rumford is seeking a second term.

He is being challenged by Republican Paula Smith of Andover.

In county races, incumbent Republican Register of Probate Tom Winsor, of Norway is being challenged by Democrat Price Hutchins of Lovell; and incumbent Republican County Commissioner Steven Merrill of Norway is being challenged by Democrat George Driscoll of Bethel.

Registering on Election Day

Maine law allows residents who have not registered beforehand to vote to do so on Election Day. To register, simply show up Tuesday at your local polling place, during polling hours, and be prepared to present some form of identification indicating that you reside in that town — a Maine drivers license or mail addressed to your street address are suggested.

Tax cap

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Town services on the line. The cuts needed to offset the lost revenue would be felt most in the area of basic services, some town officials said.

Greenwood is fairly typical. Town Manager Kim Sparks told the group the town would face a 32 percent shortfall, and would have to cut back hard on such services.

"The Highway Department would take the hardest hit," she said.

She also noted that smaller towns such as hers would have the greatest difficulty dealing with the cuts, because they have relatively few discretionary programs, such as recreation, to cut.

Consequently, they would have to make their cuts in basic services.

Powell, from an even smaller town, agreed.

"No matter where our budget is cut it's going to have a severe impact on the services we are able to provide," he said.

Even in larger towns the impact would be felt in services.

Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole has prepared a detailed breakdown of the impact passage of Question 1 would have on his town's budget.

In a memo to the selectmen, Cole noted that the numerous variables involved in the situation make it impossible at this point to forecast the precise effects on the town, but some of the possible options he suggested for dealing with Palesky include: getting the town "out of the

trash business," eliminating his own position, as well as four or more clerical and public works positions, and the Police Department.

He also suggested offsetting part of the lost tax revenue by substantially increasing fees, especially for planning and development activities, such as building fees and other applications.

(Copies of Cole's analysis and the accompanying spread sheets are available in the Bethel Town Office.)

Loss of local control seen
It's not only services that appear to be at risk should Palesky pass.

Greenwood's Stark said that at a recent public hearing residents were also concerned about the loss of local control.

"They were worried they would lose their right to decide what programs they want," she said.

Glenn Gordon, Mountain Explorer coordinator for Western Maine Transportation Services, agreed.

Taking away local control over such matters, he said, would in effect devolve still more power to Augusta and to areas, such as Portland, with heavy representation in the Legislature.

Fear and frustration

Al Barth, called on to defend the tax cap proposal, said: "I feel like the lone Christian in the Coliseum."

Barth attributed support for the Palesky plan to two primary factors: fear and frustration.

Fear on the part of many

people, especially the elderly, of losing their homes because they can no longer afford to pay steadily increasing property tax bills.

And public frustration with legislators in Augusta "and 30 years of liberal spending."

The legislators, he said, have "seen Palesky coming for two years, and they've done nothing."

For example, he noted, in June Maine voters passed a referendum article calling for the state to fund 55 percent of local educational expenses — but, said Barth: "Will it happen? Not for a long time."

A wake-up call?

There appeared to be general agreement at last week's meeting that Maine has a tax problem.

But there also appeared to be consensus that Question 1 was not the solution to that problem.

"It's a wake-up call, but they have waked up the wrong people," said Fran Head, of Maine Street Reality.

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the BACC said Palesky "has brought the issue to the forefront, and if there's anything good that has come of this, that's it."

She referred the attendees to the Web site (www.maine-chamber.org) of the Maine Chamber of Commerce, which has its own alternative to the Palesky plan.

The state chamber is on record against Question 1, and hopes to be able to put its own plan before voters at next year's referendum election.

Bypass

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spring on Merrifield Hill.

Putnam said that going ahead with road work would be a waste of state funds if the bypass project was eventually approved.

"I agree with you," said selectman Leon Poland.

Putnam said a letter from selectmen "puts us on record" as stressing the bypass as a priority.

He has put his name in to become a member of both the FIX 26 Committee and MDOT's Regional Transportation Committee.

With a letter from the selectmen, he said, he could con-

tinue to put pressure on for the bypass through the committees.

Selectman Steve Bies said he had some reservations about a bypass, because it could hurt the small businesses in Bryant Pond Village and "would change the character of Rumford Avenue because it would cross it."

But with all the safety issues associated with the current route, said Putnam, "What is the cost if some young person gets killed? How much is a life worth, is what we're looking at."

The board agreed to a let-

Hanover

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annual Town Meeting.

The selectmen said it had been many years since a property had come up for disposal. Bruce Powell said if that happened, it would certainly be publicized.

Gould questioned the idea of

restricting bids to residents. It would serve the town better, he said, to put it up for sale to get the highest price.

The article was eventually approved.

The last article, included at the suggestion of a resident,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community. Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

We

Bethel

by
Virginia
Keniston
Garret and
Melody
Bonema
returned home

Saturday after visiting her parents, the D'Alessandros, and his parents, the Bonnemas, in Pennsylvania. While there they took a quick trip to N.Y.C. to see their daughter Leah perform her one-woman show at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center. This is the second in a series of three presentations showing the result of the work involved between the director, Karen Sommers, and Leah. The content is Leah's writings of her everyday experiences in the city reworked and blocked out on stage by Karen. The final product will appear at "Artist in Residence Work and Show Festival" March 23 through April 9, 2005. In the audience were many of Leah's friends, but having Kendra Hutchinson, her childhood Bethel friend since Dee Dee Kellogg's Nursery School, was especially meaningful.

I received a letter from Lillian (Fuller) Rose of Portsmouth, N.H., this past week. She wrote: "This year I read of G.A. class reunions in The Citizen and thought you might be interested that I was the only member of the Class of 1934 who attended. We have lost many of our members who so often attended. In the spring of 1934 our class moved from the older wooden building to the new Hanscom Hall. As I look back over the 70 years since the Class of 1934, I note the changes." Her daughter, Bette Ann Hirtle, and grandson, John Hirtle attended the reunion with her.

Nancy Young and I attended the Open House at Stephens Memorial Hospital in the Women's Imaging Center in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Thursday, Oct. 21.

A Keniston birthday party with cake and ice cream met Sunday at Bob and Ginny's honoring birthdays of David, Heather, Peter, Abigail, Kallynn and Sebastian.

Kate Dumais (and dogs, Colby and Tipper) of Livermore visited her parents, George and Danna Nickerson,

and her grandmother, Arlene Brown, on Sunday.

Red Hat Ladies are to meet at the Madison Restaurant on Friday, the 29th. Call Jan Stowell for reservations.

Hope Tibbets is at Ledgeview Nursing Home following an accident in which she received a broken ankle.

Alzena Sargent is also a patient at Ledgeview Nursing Home.

Gwyneth Bohr will be guest speaker at the Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Lynn and Tim Hutchins were in Detroit, Mich., visiting his aunt Lucy Stevens over the weekend. While there they attended the world-famous Henry Ford Museum, a wonderful thing to see.

Kate Nickerson Dumais of Livermore (daughter of George and Danna Nickerson) recently started a new job with Turner Publishing, Inc., whose Western Maine Foothills newspaper comes to mailboxes in the Bethel area each month. Kate is their new marketing consultant serving the northern Oxford County, Androscoggin County and Franklin County areas.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge played last Friday with the following results: first, Pete Cummings and Dick Allen; second, Barbara and Paul Beegel; third, Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer. Also placing were Mishia Tomic and Les Buzzell, Don Johnson and Mimi Bell.

Upton

by
Eleanor
LeComte

Last week some of my column was lost in transmission so I shall try to catch up what was missing.

I was blah blahing on about the sunset and the falling leaves. That is all behind us now and we have moved into the late fall mode. We still haven't had a snowflake fall and we are not complaining about that.

Bird hunting season is open. Road hunters drive by during the daylight hours. The "foot" soldiers seem to be bagging a few. I hope they don't notice the two plump ones that visit the apple tree in front of the



A CLOSE VOTE—As selectman Bruce Powell and moderator Norm Ferguson look on, Hanover voters cast their ballots for Scott Gould's selectman's seat. Gould won over Wayne Smith, 13-11.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

kitchen window.

Larry and Terry Nelson returned from Jackman with a 600-pound cow moose. Terry, Larry's brother from Tennessee, came north to be Larry's partner in the hunt. Congratulations to both of them.

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday to finish up on some "ongoing" projects.

The State Line Snowmobile Club met at the Ladies Aid on Saturday. It was decided that the meetings would be held on the first Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The only change was that Larry Nelson stepped down as a director and Mike Morton will take his place.

National and state elections will be held next Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Upton Town Office. The election of the president is of course the most important issue. The locals are very concerned about the "Tax Cap" article and the "Bear Hunting" article.

Several of the ladies attended the Indoor Yard Sale at the Bethel Congregational Church. "Smile", a dental program for children's teeth was the beneficiary. It was quite successful with many articles available. Sue Nelson and I proceeded on to the Albany Yard Sale. It was a lot of fun and of course our purchases were of the finest kind.

Groups gathered to watch the World Series and support the Red Sox. Sue Sullivan and Bill Harris, "avid" Red Sox fans, visited us for the first two games. Only time will tell the outcome of the series, but we wish the Sox well.

The New England Patriots still have not lost a game. It's almost too good to be true.

Thank you to Sue Nelson for the great bunch of black alder berries for the window boxes.

Liz Stanczyk traveled to Durham to visit her son Frank and his wife Kay.

Saturday afternoon, Paul Casey and his Wildlife Refuge staff retrieved an injured bald eagle at the head of the lake.

The big bird had a fractured wing. Larry Nelson volunteered his dog carrier, which was used to transport the bird to a rehabilitation center in Bridgton. Good luck, Big Bird.

The area has been visited by many birds that haven't been at the feeders for a long time. Sylvia Harrington of Newry and Ginny Williamson of Upton have been visited by a tufted titmouse and male cardinals. Ginny also saw two bluebirds. I saw what I think were mountain bluebirds on Mill Road. Cedar waxwings, Canada jays, several woodpeckers and other little creatures are at the birdfeeders.

The "Bird of the Week" is

Sylvia and Ginny's tufted titmouse, a very pretty little guy.

Hanover

by Clem
Worcester

It has been
many years
since Steve
Penny has
tramped

around the
Hanover hills, the town he grew up in. Steve is recovering from injuries and resulting surgery after a fall at his Kittery home. He previously lived in South Paris.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 2, is the day everyone has been waiting for. That is Election Day all across the country. In Hanover, the voting starts at 10 a.m. at the Town Office. A lot of folks must have already made up their minds as to

which way to vote as they have voted absentee ballots. As of last Friday, 12 percent of Hanover voters had cast their vote by absentee. That option remains until Nov. 2, and those who have taken absentee ballots are reminded that they must be returned before 8 p.m. when the polls close.

Dog licenses for 2005 have arrived at the Hanover Town Office. All dogs that are six months of age or more are required to be licensed before

Dec. 31, 2004. When licensing your dog be sure to bring an up-to-date rabies certificate and a neuter/spay certificate.

Last week a bear that was originally mistaken for a dog came out of the woods, ambled past Gordie Howe's Store, crossed Route 2, jumped the guard rail and continued on to the Androscoggin River.

The Fisheries and Wildlife tagging station at Gordie Howe's Store has reported tagging 26 bear. Successful moose hunters include Jeff Watt and Thaddeus Bennett. Deer season starts Oct. 30 for Maine residents.

Gilead

by
Lin Chapman
I got another
call from Sid
Murphy with
an update on
volunteering
at

the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. She said that, even though she had a fall recently, she has still been able to help at the Veterans' Home. Last Wednesday, she helped the veterans cast their absentee ballots for the upcoming presidential election on Nov. 2. In the afternoon, she went with a group to Auburn to The 99 Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed their meal and had a great time.

Sid also had an update on Alan Newton, who is still in Stephens Memorial Hospital. She stopped to visit him on her way home from volunteering. He is doing well after a second operation and is in hopes to be able to come home soon.

Steve McLain has been busy getting in his wood for the winter. His son, Brad, stopped by to help him out. Steve heard from his other son, Joey, who is in Bozeman, Mont. Joey is now a member of a Bluegrass Band.

Hugh and I received a call from our son Chris of Farmington, N.M. It has been very busy at the radio station where he works. He recently made contact with friend, Sarah (maiden name Chapman), who lives a few hours away from him. They graduated together from Telstar High School. Chris said that Sarah still receives the Bethel Citizen and likes to read the local columns. Greetings from

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

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The other day I saw a young girl walking down the street wearing what I am sure was part of her Hallowe'en costume. She had a flowing cape of some sort and she was twirling around letting it flare out. I have a hunch that she thought she was the prettiest girl in the world.

Boys like to be scary on Hallowe'en. They want to be as ghoulish as possible. At some point they outgrow the latest cartoon- and super hero craze of their little boy years and turn to the more sinister attire of vampires and monsters.

Girls, on the other hand, love the opportunity to act out their fairy princess fantasies. Not that there aren't a fair share of witches going door to door, but, after all, witches have a long flowing cape or dress.

When I was 9 or 10 years old I was grown tired of the hand-me-down slacks and clown costumes and decided to make my own costume. I had seen the Cinderella movie during the summer and that was exactly what I wanted to be. In fact, most of my friends wanted to be Cinderella, too.

I had pestered my parents to buy the Cinderella costume that was in the window at J.J. Newberry's, but, unfortunately, that was not in the budget. Having no Fairy Godmother to help, if I was to be Cinderella I would have to design my own ball gown.

I found some lace curtains in an old trunk that I thought were the most beautiful things that I had ever seen and just knew they would be perfect for my gown. I also found the white satin, high heel shoes my mother wore on her wedding day and I just knew I was on my way to the ball.

On Hallowe'en I went to my room with the lace curtains, my mother's wedding shoes and a good amount of her make-up that I snuck out of the bathroom.

I put on my prettiest white slip and cut a hole in one of the curtains and draped it over the

slip. That was nice, but I thought it needed some enhancement so I cut a strip from one of the other curtains and made a belt tied in a big lace bow. The remainder of that curtain became a beautiful cape.

Then I put the satin wedding shoes on only to discover that my little-girl feet were a tad too small for grown-up shoes. No matter how much toilet paper I stuffed in the toes, the shoes were still too big.

But, for one special night I was Cinderella and I was beautiful.

But, I was a clever little girl and a couple of strips from yet another curtain allowed me to tie the shoes on my feet and create beautiful lace bows in the process. I was a vision of lace loveliness.

Eventually, things calmed down and it was time to go "Trick or Treating." My father made me remove my toilet paper bosom and my mother made me wear a coat, but life wasn't easy for Cinderella either.

I don't remember much more about Hallowe'en. If I met Prince Charming I was too young to recognize him. I know I didn't lose one of my mother's wedding shoes because I have the pair tucked away for safe-keeping. I'm sure I got a lot of candy and probably ate it until I got sick. And I know I had a red outline on my lips that didn't completely wash off for a day or so.

But, for one special night I was Cinderella and I was beautiful.

This Sunday night there will be some ghosts and vampires and Ninja Turtles and super heroes and witches knocking at your door shouting "Trick or Treat." And there just may be a princess or two. And the way I see it they should be treated like the beauties that they are. You have no idea what they may have gone through to be so beautiful.

Happy Hallowe'en to one and all.

Super Crossword

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Answers on back page

Maine, Sarah.

Hugh and I recently visited with Howard and Stevie Reiche. As always, when we get together, the conversation turns to Gilead history. The latest topic seems to be sawmills and gristmills. There were several in Gilead at one time. There are still some sites that still show evidence of the mill that once stood there. Hugh and Howard are now hoping to gather any information they can on this subject. If anyone out there has anything to share, give us a call.

Robert and Judy (Daniels) Bishop of Yarmouth stopped by Sunday. They were attending a family reunion at the Town and County, Shelburne, N.H. Her brother, Cash Daniels, lives in Berlin, N.H. She needed some more of the books that were published by the Bicentennial Committee. She has been one of our biggest promoters of the books.

There are still copies of the History of Gilead, "The Smile of Providence" and the picture book left. They make wonderful gifts, so give us a call if you know of someone who would enjoy reading about Gilead's past and seeing how the town looked so many years ago.

The Gilead Historical Society will be releasing a date soon for their first meeting. There are several people who have expressed an interest and who will be called when we set the date.

Need more news — call 836-2987, e-mail chapmail@hotmail.com or leave a note.

Andover



by
Joan
Stinson-Carney

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Andover Congregational Church will be hosting an evening of board games and dessert for the entire family. There will be games for all ages. I hear the game of UNO is particularly exciting. Bring a dessert or just bring yourself. The fun begins at 6 p.m.

On voting day, Nov. 2, beginning at 5 p.m., the church will be hosting a Hunter's Supper. Their intrepid chefs will be whipping up a feast of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and rolls with apple strudel for dessert. Don't forget to vote, then walk across the street and reward yourself with a delicious meal. Adults, \$6, children under 12, \$3.

Barbara Simmons is at home recuperating from an operation. Cards would be nice.

Dolly Jones is in Rumford Hospital. Again, cards would be nice.

Hartley and Dorothy Roberts announce the marriage of their

daughter, Susan Elizabeth, to Michael Brewer of Freeport. The wedding was held on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the family home on Maple Street where the bride's late grandparents, Waldo and Alice Merrill, were married in 1920. Susan wore her grandmother's ivory satin wedding gown. Her brothers, Peter and Daniel, were the couple's attendants.

The annual Firemen's Association Christmas Fair will be held on Dec. 11, at the Fire Station between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Santa will arrive about 1 p.m.

Because of the shortage of flu vaccine, it is not certain at this time if the flu clinic will be held. The Bethel Family Health Center will let us know later if they receive enough vaccine. You might want to check with your family doctor if you are at risk instead of waiting for the clinic.

I want to welcome new resident Isabel Ferguson to our town. She bought the Wardwell house and has family ties to Andover. This will be her first winter living in Maine. It will be interesting to talk to her next spring.

I am pretty sure that I have a successor to write my column, but I'm not mentioning any names until it's definite. I'm going to miss writing to you every week. I want to thank the "Upton Lady" for her kind remarks in last week's Upton news, everyone who has supported me over the years, Mike and Alison of The Citizen, and all of you who have gone out of your way to tell me how much you have enjoyed reading my foolishness. Be safe, be happy, and may you be in heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead. See ya.

West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

The reds and golds of the roadsides and hills are tarnishing to shades of brown; the lawn and gardens are white nearly every morning; and we've been stacking wood on the back porch and in the garage. We've also been burning wood in one or both woodstoves. In spite of the blue skies and mild days, autumn is progressing inexorably to the day when we see some real white stuff. I'm not in a big hurry for snow, but I'll welcome it when it comes—it's so much fun to play in.

It's long been my belief that everyone has a story to tell. It may not be headline news on page one, but it's important nonetheless. On that premise, from time to time I would like to profile a family or an individual who lives and/or works

in West Bethel. We recently chatted with Keith and Norma Hodsdon of Running Brook Farm about beef, and so they are the first subjects (guinea pigs?) to be featured in this column.

Norma grew up on a dairy farm in Laconia N.H., a farm which, sad to say, is now all condos. When she and her first husband were married, they moved to Maine for his business. Here she raised six children and later married Frank Withers of Hanover.

Keith started his working life on a dairy farm in Andover, later going to a big farm in Vienna. Finding the money in farming in short supply, he went into running sporting camps, which were also short on money. In the winters he worked in ski areas, first in maintenance, then as a ski patroller, then director of ski school, finally quitting at age 50. The camps at Tim Pond, beyond Eustis, he turned over to his son Joel. Later he ran the Chairback Mountain Camp on Long Pond, which was once bisected by the Appalachian Trail until it was rerouted. In the winter the camp provided cross-country trails in collaboration with Little Lyford Pond Camps.

Norma and Keith first met at the Bethel Farmers' Market, as friendly rivals. Having both been widowed and clearly having much in common, they were married on April 1, 1998 (no April Fools they!). Now they run Running Brook Farm together. They sell vegetables, maple syrup, and beef cattle. Keith is quick to point out that they get a great deal of help, especially in maple syrup season, from Gould Academy stu-

dents. Both Keith and Norma would like to get out of the beef business because it's so hard to sell off their "pets" for meat.

As Norma says, Keith has dozens of stories to tell about his many ventures, but I can't fit them all in. When I asked them both where they would like to visit if they ever really retire, both answered that they don't especially like to travel and wouldn't go far—maybe to their camp in The County, on a pond, with no electricity or modern conveniences. But they both enjoy what they do, so don't look for them to retire soon.

Call or write with news: 836-3011, dhoeh@megalink.net, and don't forget to vote.

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer

This news should have been in last week's paper. Millie Jackson, Roger and Louise Twitchell, Nancy Kimball, Dot Bartlett and I attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/luncheon at Pleasant Valley Grange on Oct. 13.

We may have a Tiger Woods in the neighborhood. Ryan Hannigan played on the Telstar High School golf team that won the State Championship recently.

I do not understand throwing away an animal. There is a new six-to-seven-month-old kitten hunting for food since Oct. 22. I am also hoping that people don't like to throw

away money. There are two Russian Blues in the area that have been around since July.

Arthur Hertell went to see the second game of the World Series on Oct. 24. No score, as the game started as I am doing this up.

Nina Mollicone had visitors from Aberdeen, Scotland, on Oct. 21 — Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanscom and their children, Philip, Michael and Madeline.

Arlene Harrington and Thelma Remington drove up to Skowhegan on Oct. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Remington of Wayne visited Arlene Harrington on Oct. 19.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on Oct. 22 and 23. They visited Lillian Moore and her daughter, June Andrews, in South Paris and on to Market Square to visit Polly Smith before Judy left for home on the 23rd.

Sue Lincoln celebrated her birthday on Oct. 16.

Tricia Chappie continues to take Albert Foster out and about for rides when she can.

The Red Sox will do it this year.

Have a nice week. God Bless the Troops.

Karlene Bachelder was at the "Cove's Edge" one day recently to spend some time with her husband, Ras, who was recuperating from a chest cold. We sure hope he is better by now.

Call to worship was held Sunday morning, Oct. 17, at 9 a.m. at the Newry Community Church with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and Philip, Michael and Madeline.

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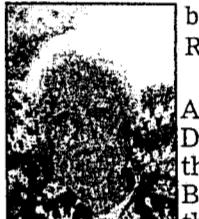
North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

Thought for the week:
"Happiness? That's nothing more than good health and a poor memory."

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

Another week. Don't forget the Hunters' Breakfast at the Locke Mills Legion Hall to raise money for the fifth grade at Woodstock.

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Brad Payne played golf. Ann Holt and Brad Payne had dinner at the Bethel Inn.

Ann Holt and David Holt had dinner with their parents Sunday.

Several people from this end of town went up to the special Town Meeting. Some things were said that shouldn't have been, but that's the way things go sometimes.

Marie and Albert Curtis Jr. joined his sister Lillian and husband Glenn Strait and their two granddaughters and went down to the coast camping for the weekend. Akayla Curtis went with Albert and Marie.

My granddaughter took me to Norway for an appointment I had.

"Albert Curtis found a good-sized hornets' nest in my flower garden. Had been walking right by it and never knew it was there. My grandson, Timothy Curtis, called on me one day.

Marie Curtis took her mother for an appointment to Norway, then Wednesday she took her dad, Tom Bragg, to Portland for doctors' appointments.

Quote for the week: "Love cures people, both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it."

That's it for this week. Have a safe and happy one.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

Brrr! Twenty degrees two mornings in a row and today there is a raw north wind, reminding us of what is to come. Am thankful the winter's wood is in.

I want to thank Jackie Stevens, Peggy Blake, Russell Yates and Dorene Lang for assisting me this past weekend and this week. Also, the doc-

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Art Moves Dance Studio recently opened at 16 Spring Street in Bethel. Professional dancer Debi Irons inspires self-motivation in life through dance, guiding each individual to aspire toward their own unique potential; teaching correct yet natural technique in variant dance forms for a broad foundation. "When you try to make every student dance alike, you promote mediocrity via the lowest common denominator. When you encourage individual expression, students soar with their own strengths, and learn from the different strengths of their peers," says Irons. She is trained in modern, jazz, ballet, acrobatics, afro-brazilian, street, tap, choreography, improvisation and musical theater dance. Irons offers classes in teen hip-hop, tap, modern ballet and jazz. Here, students Amanda Driscoll, Rochelle Jewell, Faith Verrill, Ciara Nadeau, Roxanne Jewell and Shelby Plawlock participate in a hip-hop class with Irons. (743-5569; artmoves@megalink.net.)

tors and nurses at Stephens Memorial Hospital for their excellent care. There are some times we way overdo and then our bodies break down, like an old tractor, then we literally have to go into the "repair shop" and be rejuvenated. As we get older, we don't bounce back as quickly as when we were younger.

Would all of you with news please call me at 674-3046 or write it down and either bring or mail it to me by Wednesday of each week, as I write and turn it in on Thursdays.

The Agnes L. Gray School and the "Little School" will be having their fall book fair the first week in November. This is a great opportunity to build up your child's library, their love of books and an enthusiasm for reading. Come be part of it.

There will be a very special three-part student, parent, teacher conference day from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, whereby parents, students and teachers can interact and be part of this very important day. Come and be part of your child's day, learn about all phases of the school curriculum and activities and your child's part in them. It will mean a lot to both you and your child. It is a good bonding experience.

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Don't forget, if you have any canned or non-perishable food items that you would be willing to donate for Thanksgiving baskets or food boxes, please leave them on your porch (or steps) from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on the morning of Oct. 29, as the students of the Forestdale School will come house to house to gather them. Many thanks to all of you who will participate in this, as it can help quite a few of our area people. There are a lot of people out of work and this could mean the difference between them eating or not.

Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon is the rabies clinic at West Paris Grange Hall. Bring your pet for this most important inoculation. It can prevent senseless illness and injury for both you and your pet.

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Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Although the weather is still fall, some days it has looked and felt like snow was on the horizon. We're still busy with cleanup and generally getting ready for winter. Hopefully, in another month we will have a new roof and the other woodstove will be in place. That should keep us toasty this winter. We've all been lucky because this is usually the gray season and there is still color in the woods

and yards of western Maine. Next week is Election Day. Do not forget to vote regardless of where you stand on Palesky and bears.

It is still important to vote and have your voice heard. Oh, and don't forget to vote for the president and vice president and for our state and federal legislators. Unless we vote, we have no right to complain if things are not as we like them. So, vote on Nov. 2 at your town office. Polls are open until 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. there is a Public Hearing here in Waterford. The purpose is to discuss an ordinance that will govern the transfer station and to decide if we should have a fee schedule for items that we have to pay extra to dispose of. The proposed schedule would charge at cost and not be a moneymaker for the town. It is an attempt to recap some of the excessive costs of disposal of things like tires, refrigerators, and construction debris. Come and look at the proposed ordinances and let your voice be heard. The actual vote will not be until the March Town Meeting. This will give us time to revise the ordinance if necessary.

The Waterford Firemen's Auxiliary will hold a supper on Nov. 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Casseroles will be the main course. Please help support your local firefighters.

Our friend Jim is up this week. We have a washer for him and he has eggs for us. I love eggs and can only eat them when they are very fresh. Jim and David are friends since high school. It amazes me that people can stay in touch that long. I do not know many of my friends' names any more. That is the problem with women changing their names when they marry. They get lost to friends.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and do not forget to vote.

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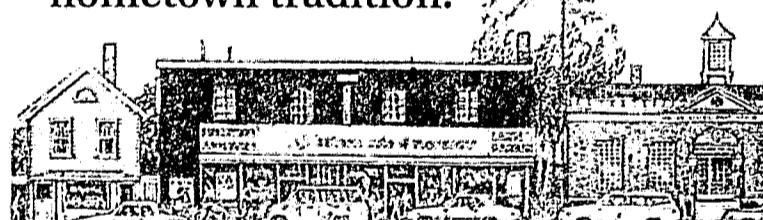
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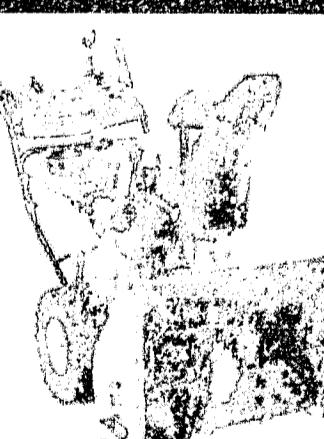
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The Bethel Planning Board will conduct a Site Walk and Public Hearing regarding the following Subdivision Application:

Project Name: Paradise Pines
Applicant: Patricia Thurston
Agent: Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.
Location: Tax Map 2, Lot 25

Site Walk - Thursday, November 4, 2004 at 3:15 p.m. at the proposed subdivision location off of Paradise Road

Public Hearing -- Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Town Office meeting room.

The applicant proposes a 9 lot sub-division on 12.9 acres off of Paradise Road. The Bethel Planning Board invites public comment at the Public Hearing. Information on the proposed subdivision is available for review at The Town Office. Please contact the Planning Assistant at 824-2669 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Project Name: Mountain Brook Estates
Applicant: Locke Mountain Real Estate Development L.L.C.
Agent: Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.
Location: Tax Map 8, Lot 41

Site Walk - Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the proposed subdivision location off of Chandler Hill Road.

Public Hearing -- Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. to be held in the Town Office meeting room.

The applicant proposes a 13 lot sub-division on 22.9 acres off of Chandler Hill Road. The Bethel Planning Board invites public comment at the Public Hearing. Information on the proposed subdivision is available for review at The Town Office. Please contact the Planning Assistant at 824-2669 for more information.

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Albany

by Dana &
Sheila Dyke

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Also, don't forget to get out and vote next Tuesday, Nov. 2. Albany residents will meet at the old Town Hall to cast their votes. Voting usually ends at 8 p.m. Every election is important, but, more so now that we are casting our lots for the leader of our country. Then, afterwards, we should see all the colorful crops and clusters of signs and banners disappear from the sides of the roads.

God Bless and keep for a happy and safe week.

Mason

by
Richard
Grover
We have
what could
be termed a
small forest of
maple

trees in our front yard. This time of year, the result is a dense covering of fallen leaves, seemingly knee deep when I start to rake them. Usually, I wait until they all fall and for a good wind blow to disperse many of the leaves out of the yard and into the woods.

One sunny day last week, our great-grandson Boston came to spend the day with us because he had a touch of cold and a runny nose; his mother didn't want to expose the other kids in pre-school to that. After being cooped up in

the house for a while, Boston

wanted to go outside and play in the leaves. In just a few minutes he and I had raked up a pile of leaves about as tall as Boston. Then he jumped into the pile and wanted me to cover him up. In no time, I was able to cover him with leaves, even with him standing straight up in the pile. After Boston left, it took three trips with the lawn tractor and my improvised "leaf trailer" to haul away that pile of leaves, and that was from raking just a small percentage of the entire covered area. The worst part of it all is that probably a third of the leaves haven't even fallen yet.

I like to consider myself an Independent when it comes to politics, but this year I have been trying to sort some of the political "wheat from the chaff" in the presidential race. I don't like what has been happening with the current administration, but there are things in Sen. Kerry's past that I don't like either. Finally, I found a source of added information about both candidates' performance that I hadn't seen before. There are articles in last week's Newsweek Magazine about both major party candidates and about their political record over the past several years. I recommend this magazine to everyone who is concerned about the race and wants to know more. It helped me make up my mind which way I shall vote, and no, I'm not going to say which way it is.

East Stoneham

by
Eleanor
Nelson
Hi readers. I
forgot to tell
you last week
that a Court
of Honor plus

an Eagle Award Ceremony for Joel Barker took place recently. This was at the Center Lovell Church. This is one of the highest awards in Boy Scouting. Congratulations, Joel.

Delbert McAllister has been in the Stephens Memorial Hospital a few days, but I heard that he is to come home today. He will be going back later for surgery. Hope you get along OK, Delbert, and we will be thinking of you and Joyce.

Frances Grant went to Norway Sunday and visited Wilma Taylor at the Norway Rehab Center and had lunch with her. They had a nice visit.

Albert Nelson Jr. called on us yesterday afternoon and showed us his new little puppy. Her name is "Billie." She is a very smart, pretty (and expensive) little dog. "Amber" is teaching her what she should

and shouldn't do.

Tuesday, Eleanor Smith and Frances Grant and I enjoyed lunch together at A.J.'s. Everything here in town. We had a nice visit and they have a good variety to choose from and good food and service. It's a nice place to meet your friends for lunch or dinner.

One day last week I made a kettle of mock mincemeat and packaged it for the freezer. Of course, Albert got his mince pie, it didn't last very long. Thanks, Mr. Googin, for the green tomatoes.

People — don't forget to go to the polls and vote on Nov. 2. Won't you be glad when it's all over?

The Waterford-Stoneham Lions Club will be meeting in Stoneham tonight (Thursday) but I have to get this column off in the mail today for sure. Will see you next week, which will be busy for me as I'm having eye surgery on Thursday.

Mertice Barker is at home now after being at the Bridgton Health Care Center. Hope you're doing okay Mertice. Also, Andrea Fillebrown. We are thinking of you and wishing you well.

South Woodstock

by
Andrea Wing

Many thanks for the flowers from Murrill and Elizabeth

Blazier, Pat Lawrence, Evelyn and James Dunn and the lovely roses from Woodstock SDA Church. They mean a lot and are greatly enjoyed. Also, thanks to Joan for the quiche. Thanks all.

A special thanks to our daughter, Kellie, for getting groceries and other chores. My foot is coming along. It is just hard to get around.

Sarah Lynch came up one afternoon for a visit. She had to leave before Zach gets off the school bus at 3 p.m.

Frank Fraser's relatives have returned home to Florida after visiting for a while. They came after the hurricane. Their home didn't have a lot of damage but many around them did.

I called our son Rick, and he said his new home in Bridgton is 99 percent complete and he can move in any day now.

Pat Lawrence stopped by one day. We had a nice visit talking about old times.

I stayed up two nights 'til all hours watching the Red Sox win the American League Pennant. What a couple of games. Glad I didn't miss them. I don't usually watch, but this was special.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that if your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way."

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that the museum can be rewarding. It has many items in its notebooks and files. The society library also has books on numerous topics. So, you can find some information on nearly every subject. Don't limit yourself. Look things up at the Woodstock Historical Society Muse-

making any sense by the time it gets into the paper. At least this time I have my handwriting to blame.

Getting back to my Internet

problems, I heard on the night-

ly news how many people were

having the same problem due

to what is called "Spyware"

and how it was affecting even

people in business. I had one

thing that downloaded just

before I had the Internet dis-

connected and I did all the

things I was supposed to and

deleted it. It went into the

recycle bin and I emptied that

and when I booted my comput-

er the next day, there it was,

back again. It has more lives

than a cat. And, according to

the computer the program is

not there so I cannot delete

it again. Ralph says we may

just have to get a new hard

drive, but I am not about to put

money into something new

until those people have been

put out of business. It reminds

me of the old protection rack-

ets they had years ago, and

may still have in some places

for all I know, where you paid

money to be protected from the

very people who were charg-

ing you the money. If I would

pay these people a monthly

fee, they would promise that

I would not keep getting those

messages that I can't get rid of

of, only, of course, those mes-

sages, are coming from them

in the first place. It spoils any

fun one can get out of the com-

puter, to say nothing of the

Locke Mills

by
Lorraine
Larson

First I want to apologize for not getting my column in for the past couple

of weeks. I intended to get one in last week; but, wouldn't you know it, I had a telephone call from someone I had been very concerned about and I couldn't very well cut them short so I just said, "Oh, well," to myself and settled down to listen. I certainly miss the Internet for getting my news to Bethel on time. And to add insult to injury, this week we can't get the printer to work, so I am having to copy this off the computer in long hand. With my handwriting, no knowing how much will be

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3. "...net takers [of state services and tax dollars]"

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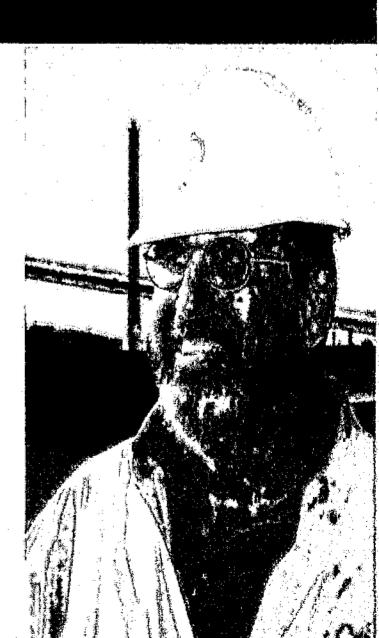
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by Dana &
Sheila Dyke

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Debbie Brown were bringing me home from church on a Sunday evening and as they rounded the corner at the end of the road here their headlights picked up about 40 or so geese settled in for a rest on the pond by the bridge. I was surprised they were so quiet, as usually they are a noisy bunch. I guess they wanted to be considerate where it was late at night.

There have been quite a few people sick with a stomach virus lately. Norma Peterson said her daughter, May Milliard, was so sick she ended up in the hospital twice with dehydration. She just couldn't keep anything in her stomach.

By my news not getting in last week, I didn't get a plug in for the Woodstock School Craft Fair, and I apologize to Missy Wakefield who gave me the item and to the people who have tables and to those who might have attended if they had only known. I hope everyone who wanted to participate saw an ad somewhere else.

The town offers its sincerest sympathy to Al, Ann and "Chick" Fitzmorris on the death of their uncle, George Fitzmorris, last weekend, as well as to his wife, Rena, and other members of the Fitzmorris family.

An early 90th birthday party was held for Leora Farrington on Oct. 16, at Market Square Restaurant in South Paris. Those attending were her children, Phillip Farrington and wife Martha, Pearl Jordan and husband Arnold, Wallace Farrington and wife Rose, and Luna Martin; grandchildren, Darrin Farrington,

Debbie Moody, Tory Jordan and wife Maryanne, Tracy Jordan and wife Paddy, Tony Jordan, Richard Bennett and wife Karen; and great-grandchildren, Amanda and Tiffany Jordan, Heather Groves and Abigail and Nathaniel Bennett. Also attending were Eleanor Koskela, Phyllis Lowe, Tammy and Wesley. Leora will be 90 on Nov. 11.

Members of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary, Veronica Melville, Denise Swan, Lorraine Larson, Maggie Ring, Missy Wakefield and Kelly Newkirk met last Monday evening at the Fire Station to discuss the annual Christmas Craft Fair. It will be held the second Saturday of November (Nov. 13), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall. Tables will be available to crafters, and they can get more information by calling any member. Hope to see you there.

Debbie Brown visited her aunt Arlene Brown, in Salem, N.H. Monday and Tuesday and also attended a hair seminar in Manchester, N.H. Debbie took Arlene out to dinner to help her celebrate her 85th birthday. She also brought her back to Maine with her so she could spend a few days visiting her sister, Rachel MacKay, in Bethel.

Crystal Lake is spending a few days visiting her son Brent Lake's wife Jessica and baby Hunter at their home in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., while Brent is on special assignment in California.

Ralph and Lorene Mills, Lorraine Larson, Crystal Lake and Ann Fitzmorris were among those who attended the dinner honoring Jackie and Jay Luthro, missionaries to China, Sunday at Praise

Assembly of God, Rumford Center.

I took Ann Fitzmorris to Mexico Wednesday to attend the funeral of her uncle, and on the way down just as we got to the intersection of Rumford Center and East Andover Road I had to stop for a fox who was trying to get across the road and was a bit confused as to which way he wanted to go with all the cars converging there. He did finally decide to head up the East Andover Road, and into the bushes. It is unusual to see foxes out on the road like that in the daytime, especially a main road near a town, but he was a big fellow and looked healthy enough, and other than being undecided which was the safest route to take, did not act strangely. So I hope he was all right.

During the summer the wild turkeys seemed to disappear but now they are gathering in flocks and are highly visible. There is one flock I see frequently on the Gore Road and they look big and healthy. I hope they winter well.

How about those Red Sox? They have as many lives as the computer virus I have and I am a lot happier about it. Between the Patriots and the Red Sox, those who are fans of New England sports have a lot to cheer about this year.

There will be a Hunters' Breakfast Oct. 30 at the Locke Mills Legion Hall to benefit Woodstock School's fifth-grade class trip to Boston. They will be serving from 4 to 10 a.m. and cost is \$5. For more information call Missy Wakefield at 665-2211 or e-mail wakefield@sad44.org.

Bryant Pond

by
Alice Hoyt
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their mother and sister, Ora Ryerson.

Sympathy is also extended to Irene Redman and family and Tim Redman in the death of their husband and father, Samuel Redman.

For a fun evening of entertainment come to the Franklin Grange Hall on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. for another of their Mock Hee Haw shows. Numerous entertainers will be pickin' and grinnin', have you laughing and your toes tapping. Among them will be Eric Wight, Ken Nowlin, Bill Rice, Ginger Mae, Linda Dyer, with cloggers, skits, jokes and more. Besides that there will be refreshments on sale, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. All this for a donation of \$5 for adults, \$3 for under age 12.

The fifth grade of Woodstock Elementary School will hold a Hunters' Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills, on Saturday, Oct. 30. Time is 4 to 10 a.m. Price is \$5. The money goes toward their class trip in the spring. For more information, call 665-2211.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Thursday morning at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible time.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to vote on Nov. 2.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Grange Hall on Thursday, Nov. 4. Dinner will be put on by the Woodstock High School Alumni and program is a paper bag auction.

Larry Billings received the following letter from President George W. Bush that was written on Oct. 21: "Dear Mr. Billings:

"Thank you for your kind words. I am honored to lead our country during this his-

toric time. Our Nation has confronted great challenges, and we are meeting the tests of our time with courage, clarity, and resolve.

"My Administration has taken important steps to secure our homeland, respond to the threats of terrorism, and extend peace and freedom around the world. We are also working to strengthen our economy and to ensure that all our citizens can realize the promise of America.

"I am grateful for your support as my Administration continues to address these critical issues. Laura joins me in sending our best wishes."

From

Oxford County Democrats

Gov. John Baldacci will be the guest of honor at a Pot Roast dinner at the Eagles Hall, Mexico, on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Rumford Area Democrats and the Oxford County Democratic Committee, and is being chaired by Rep. John Patrick. Hosts for the event include Patrick, Sen. Bruce Bryant, Linda Petrie, House candidate in District 93, Mike and Eileen Broderick, Cathy Newell and County Commissioner Fred Kennard.

A silent auction will be held, as well as the traditional 50/50 raffle. There will be a drawing for a hand-crafted wooden ice fishing box with five traps, made by Nookie Boivin of Jay.

Tickets for the dinner are \$7, with \$6 for seniors and children under 12, and are available at the Mexico Democratic office, 369-0020, or at the door.

Sen. Bryant, Rep. Patrick, Joe Derouche, and Scott Christiansen recently visited with Gov. John Baldacci to seek his assistance with continued funding for the fractionation center project and for the position of executive director for the River Valley Growth Council.

As a result of the meeting, a potential grant was identified through the State Planning Office in the amount of \$100,000 that would, if funded, allow the fractionation center to go forward. A grant has been submitted, according to Bryant, and work is expected soon. "This meeting was very positive and is part of our continuing effort at the Joseph Derouche Advanced Technology Center to move the area into the 21st century," Bryant stated.

Bryant and Rep. Rodney Jennings presented a legislative sentiment to the Canton Fire Department on Oct. 22 in

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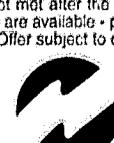
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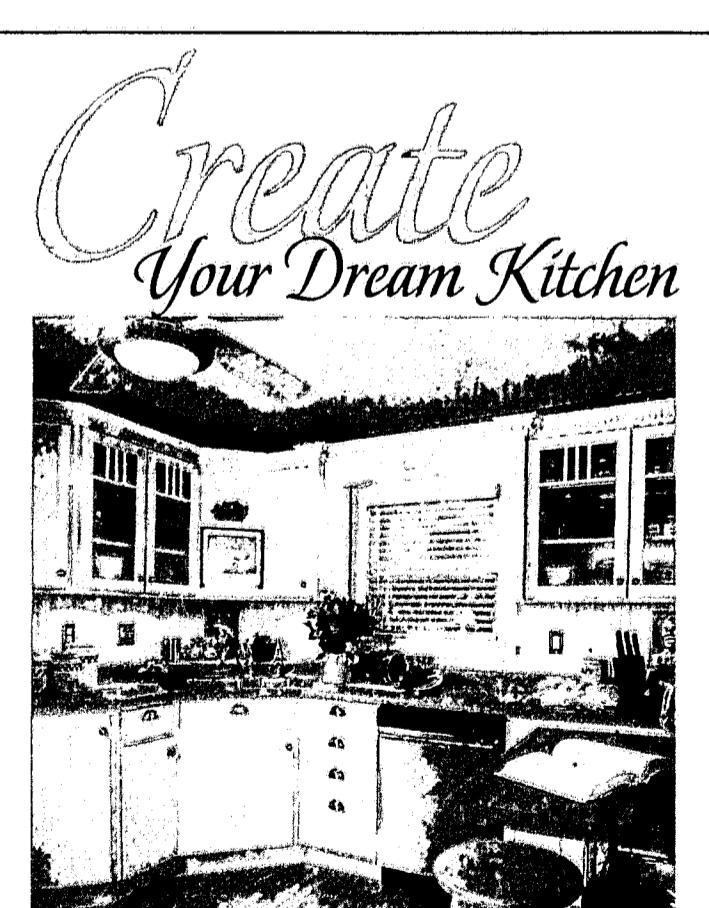
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recognition of their service to the community and families and of their hard work during the Flood of 2003.

Chief Wayne Dube and Selectman Don Hutchins accepted the sentiment at the site of the new fire station on Route 108, where footings for the new structure will be poured on Monday, Oct. 25. Dube thanked Bryant and Jennings for all that they did during and after the flood to assist the town and its residents.

Donkey Tuesday, an evening of food, fun, and music, sponsored by the Oxford County and Bethel Area Democrats, attracted a sold-crowd of 150 at the Locke Mills Legion Hall last week, and provided a good opportunity for area candidates to greet supporters and for the party to organize volunteers for the final week of the campaign season.

Sen. Bryant, Marge Medd, District 14 Senate candidate, Roy Gedat, running for the House in District 95, Tim Carter, running for the House in District 91, and County Commissioner Candidate George Driscoll were present to offer remarks and enjoy the evening.

Patrick McGowan, Commissioner of Conservation, represented Gov. John Baldacci, and spoke briefly. McGowan noted the scenic location chosen for the Donkey Tuesday event, across from the Bucks Ledges property, and offered some hope that the Land for Maine's Future Fund would secure new funding for such projects in the future. He stated that despite approval of the fund by 70 percent of Maine people, a small minority of Republican legislators were able to prevent Gov. Baldacci from moving ahead with offering a bond issue this November.

County Chairperson Cathy Newell and Don Murphy of Bethel shared emcee duties, and music was provided by The Accordion Man, a team of drummers, Donnie Katlin, and Don Murphy.

The supper committee, chaired by Jan Kubiac, included Allison Rosenblatt, Lauretta Varo, Jim Lowe, Wendy Meader, Leah Deegan, assisted by many of the attendees. A very successful Silent Auction was held, and the affair concluded in time for attendees to get home for the Red Sox game.

From the
Tri-Town Rescue

The second annual Tri-Town Ambulance Auxiliary and West Paris Old Home Days silent auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Agnes Gray gymnasium in West Paris. Doors open at 11 a.m., with the drawings beginning at 1 p.m.

More than 500 items will be displayed, including: chairs, new bicycles, gun racks, bunk beds, a sewing machine, household items, toys, Christmas gifts, and miscellaneous treasures. Refreshments, a 50/50, door prizes, and grab bags will be available. All proceeds will benefit both organizations.

For more information or to make donations, please call Nancy Henderson at 674-2936 or any Tri-Town member.

From the
Finnish American Heritage Society

Mark your calendars for 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, for an outstanding Solo Accordion Concert at Oxford Hills High School Forum in South Paris.

Brent Buswell, age 23, of Ludlow, Vt., is a graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston. Despite the fact that he is blind, Brent is an extraordinarily gifted and talented young man who began playing the piano at age three and received his first accordion when he was 12. He enjoys a wide variety of music including jazz, polkas, Scandinavian, marches, classical, big band and American standards. He especially enjoys playing the music of Pietro Frosini.

In 1996 Brent began playing for Scandinavian weekends and has performed for many functions throughout the Northeast including the National Finn Fests in Gorham (Maine) and Philadelphia and the Swedish Midsummer Festival on Cape Cod.

He also has been the featured performer for the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Astoria, Ore., performed at the Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C., and been a guest performer with the Grammy Award winning Jimmy Sturr Orchestra.

Because of the variety of music that Brent enjoys playing he has had the opportunity to perform for many different functions. He has performed

with country musicians, played for the Maison Robert French Restaurant in Boston, and performed with the Stratton Mountain Boys, a group of musicians from Austria.

Brent recently had the honor of performing with Norwegian accordion champion, Havard Svendsrud, at the American Accordionists Association Festival in Boston.

The public concert is being sponsored by the Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine. Donations may be made at the door. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this amazing talent.

From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Many thanks to Andy and Liz of Winter Journeys for hosting last week's Business After Hours. What a wonderful business they have, and what an asset to our area. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Nov. 18, for the next Business After Hours at Pat's Pizza.

This Thursday evening, at the Bethel Inn and Country Club, the chamber will be holding our annual Business Meeting and Dinner. Oxford Networks is sponsoring the social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. and all are welcomed to attend that, even if you have not registered for the dinner. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting to follow. We will be voting in our 2005 Board of Directors and recognizing outgoing board members. Many thanks to the Bethel Inn for hosting the event.

In 2004, the chamber has been really focusing on marketing our region to bring our members more business in every season. One of our primary activities has been working with the travel media to educate them on all the assets of the Bethel area. This has required a great deal of cooperation from our members who have donated rooms, meals and their time and expertise. Wende Gray of Gray Marketing has been coordinating the media trips for us and has been doing a terrific job. We hosted eight

writers during the end of September and early October, with a focus on hiking and the beautiful fall foliage. Many thanks to the following businesses for their generosity during these trips: A Prodigal Inn, the Sudbury Inn, the Bethel Inn and Country Club, Sunday River Brewing Co., S. S. Milton, Good Food Store, Bethel's Best, Victoria, Mt. Mann Jewelers, Sun Valley Sports and Guide Service, and Al Cressy.

Our beautiful new 2005 Annual Guidebook is expected to be delivered this week. We have expanded our press run to 60,000 this year. Make sure to come in for your supply.

From the

West Paris Troopettes

Raffle winners were announced Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Troopette Bingo held in West Paris. Winners were: Melissa Gully, the filled Longaberger basket donated by Dixie Inman; Shirley Merrill, one-half cord of firewood from Doug Penley; Diane Peet, \$50 Hadley Excavations gravel products; Robert Brett, \$50 Maine Perham's Maine Mineral certificate; Lesley Rowe, Martha Roberts' handcrafted latch hook rug; and Judy Herrick, Diane Allen's crocheted afghan. Thanks to our generous donors and all who participated.

December calendars featuring 31 daily drawings of certi-

ficates from our supportive local merchants and citizens are on sale now for \$5 each. They may be obtained from any Troopette or by calling 674-2114.

The November Christmas wrapping and packing party will be held on the 10th at the West Paris Town Office at 6 p.m. We hope all Troopettes will attend to help with the wrapping. Donations may be made by calling 674-2114.

From the

O.C.R.S.W.C.

During the month of September OCRSWC processed the following:

Shipped 150.80 tons of material at an estimated sale value of \$10,753. Estimated cost to trash the same 150.80 tons material — \$12,818 (based on average tipping and hauling fee of \$85 per ton).

Shipped 65.55 tons of corrugated cardboard at an estimated sale value of \$5,300. Estimated cost to trash the same 65.55 tons of cardboard — \$5,571.75 at \$85 per ton.

Shipped 84.25 tons of news, magazines and junk mail at an estimated sale value of \$5,453. Estimated cost to trash the same 84.25 tons of news, magazines and junk mail — \$7,161.25.

Estimated avoided cost for September — \$23,571. It pays to recycle.

Money received from sale of the 150.80 tons of product. Estimated avoided cost to trash the same 150.80 tons = avoided cost for the month.

From the
Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Oct. 13 at the West Bethel Grange Hall for their meeting and dinner with 47 present. Vice-president Ginny Walker conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Jane Hosterman and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be Nov. 10 at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. and members will play Beano.

It was voted to send Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice Care a donation of \$100. Caroline Gould spoke on the Campbell Labels for Education program for free merchandise for the school.

Vivian Howe from Senior Plus is program manager for meals on wheels and meal sites. She also said there was a data base for information on counseling, respite care, support services and other services available to senior citizens and their families. There were pamphlets for those who wanted them.

Joe Perham, Maine storyteller, entertained with stories and songs.

Don Demarest won the door prize and Jane Hosterman won the raffle, which was an autumn wreath.

Avery Angevine won the \$25 gift certificate for the Bethel Foodliner from the silver jars program. Millie Jackson and Beatrice Lowell won prizes.



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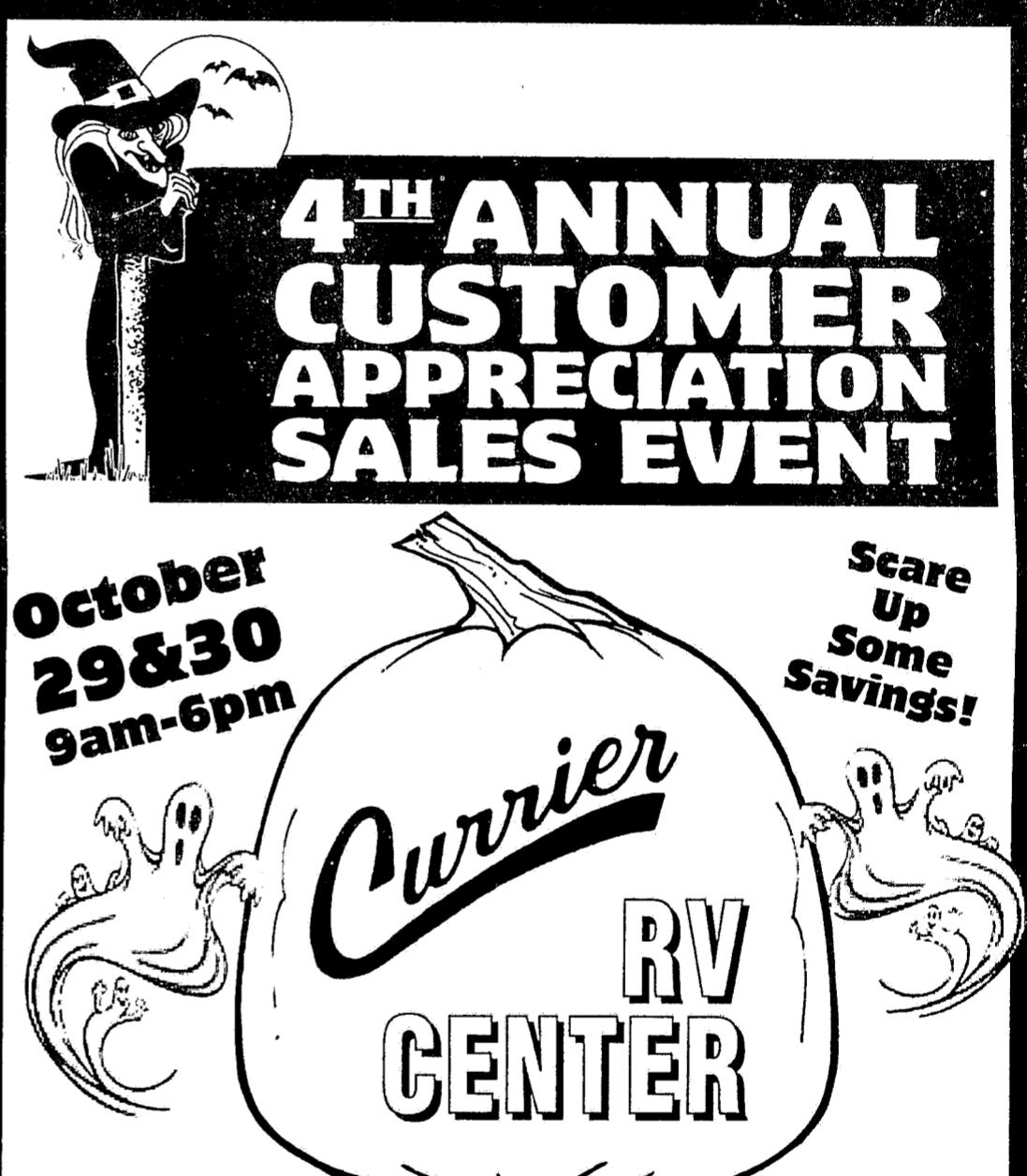
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From the

Mahoosuc Arts Council

On Saturday, Oct. 30, Those Jazz Guys will be brewing up an evening of your favorite jazz standards at The Sudbury Inn. The Mahoosuc Arts Council will present Those Jazz Guys, James McLaughlin on the baby grand piano, saxophone player Tom Zicarelli, Don Williams, upright bass player, and Jerry Barry on drums, as they take you on a sentimental jazz journey.

James McLaughlin has been involved in music education as a private piano/theory instructor and clinician for many years. He has enjoyed a freelance-performing career playing nationally and internationally in venues such as "The Rainbow Room" and "Don't Tell Mamma" in New York City, and the "Foncleau" in Rome, Italy. He has shared the stage with notables such as Randy Brecker, Chris Vida, Dick Johnson and Clarke Terry.

Tom Zicarelli attended Northwestern University and Berklee College of Music. He has also been a bandleader, composer, teacher of music and technology, and has even spent a year as a weather observer on the top of Mt. Washington. He composed the title track for a new Molly Flannery Quintet album, "Slow Dance at the Asylum," playing the saxophone on most of the album's songs.

Local musicians McLaughlin and Zicarelli will be joined by a guest bass player, Don Williams and Jerry Barry. Those Jazz Guys will be performing two sets from 7 to 10 p.m. Seating is limited. A cover charge of \$6 will benefit the Mahoosuc Arts Council; cocktails are extra. For more information, call the Mahoosuc Arts office at 824-3575.

From the

Andover Education Fund

Since its reinstatement in 1987, the Andover Educational Fund, Inc. has granted over \$300,000 in financial aid to 120 of Andover's students. This figure includes high school participation, The John and Eunice Fox Prize Scholarship, the Sweatt Family Memorial Scholarship, the Anna Thurston Memorial Award, and the Cutting Endowment scholarship.

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From the

Bethel Lions Club

The Bethel Lions would like to thank Stan Howe and Randy Bennett for their assistance with our Open House on the 20th.

We are still looking for some participation for the Lions International "Peace Poster" competition. It is open to 11-13 year-olds attending Telstar Middle School. For Telstar Regional High School, there is a "Speak Out" competition, sponsored by Lions International. The Bethel Lions cover the SAD44 area. For more information, please call Ed or Gert Friel at 824-2107. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Cross Roads Diner at 6:30 p.m.

We are looking for public places to place small cans for "Dimes for Diabetes." Also collection boxes for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. These two items can be recycled to benefit the less fortunate. For more information, call the above. If you are in need of eyeglasses, please call Eldon Greenleaf at 824-2040.

From the

Oxford County 4-H Program

The 4-H Youth Development program is for all youth ages 5-18.

The initiative is the community youth education program of the University of Maine

Cooperative Extension. For over 100 years 4-H has served families with hands-on education in life skills, leadership, agriculture, and community service. Today, 4-H is going strong in Oxford County with a variety of programs.

Community clubs cover learning from arts and photography to animals, small business and career education. 4-H is open to all boys and girls. There are no dues at the county, regional, state, or national level. In addition there is no mandatory fundraising and many resources are free or at a small cost recovery for club leaders and members. The resources are endless, as clubs can connect to other clubs across the nation and even internationally. Clubs can be as small as four or five youths and the subject areas are chosen by the members and leaders.

For information on clubs in your area, or for information on starting a club, please call Susan Jennings, Extension Educator at 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

New clubs can start at any time, while re-enrollment starts every October. 4-H promotes youth decision-making, life skills and choices.

4-H Opportunities for Teens

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has a number of wonderful experiences for teens here in Oxford County. There are a number of travel and career education opportunities including teen exchange, 4-H travel groups and our career education project. Teens can work with other teens on service learning projects, character education and leadership.

4-H at the state level includes Teen Council, Teen Conference in-state and regionally opportunities to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and opportunities to apply for state award trips to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., or National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. The opportunities are endless for youth who pursue leadership opportunities with their teams at the state and national level.

4-H is an open door to hands-on learning, choices, higher aspirations and success in higher education.

For more information, call Susan Jennings at one of the above phone numbers.

From the
Oxford Hills AARP

The Oxford Hills AARP group, families and friends are participating in a bus trip to Portland on Friday, Dec. 17, to see "The Magic of Christmas" at the Merrill Auditorium. This is a most wonderful musical performance by the Portland Symphony Orchestra, with full chorus, soloists and the Grande Kotzchner Organ that really puts everyone in a festive, happy, holiday frame of mind.

The bus will leave the old Ames Plaza at 8:30 a.m. to allow time for shopping at the Maine Mall and the Christmas Tree Shop, with time for lunch on your own. You will be picked up in time to go to the 2 p.m. performance at the auditorium. We will return home at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$58 per person, which includes the bus and the show. Please call Wally or Henrietta Taft to put your name on the list and send a deposit of \$30 to reserve your seat to: Walter Taft, 1024 Gore Road, Otisfield, ME 04270. The remaining \$28 is due Nov. 10, as the ticket money must be paid to the auditorium at that time. We encourage you to join us for this very enjoyable day.

From the
Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Since 2004 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, several veterans of the Vietnam War will be present on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, at the Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House meeting room for an oral history night where they will discuss their service. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will also be an exhibit with items included from that era. Anyone interested in attending this special program is invited to do so. There is no admission charge.

The lecture originally scheduled at this time will be moved to the following week and be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18. Society Director Stanley R.

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November 5th	Woodstock Town Office	11am-1pm
November 9th	Methodist Church, Bethel	11am-1pm
November 19th	Andover Town Hall	11am-1pm

Cost - \$10 (Excluding Medicaid)

Clinics will be conducted as long as supplies last. Clinics may be cancelled due to lack of supply. More vaccine may be available late November. FluMist nasal vaccine may be available for healthy patients aged five to forty-nine. Please call for availability and cost.

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Howe, who also serves as the historian of the Maine State Grange, will discuss the history of Alder River Grange in East Bethel, which earlier this year observed its 100th anniversary of existence.

Nearly 1,200 members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. For over thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its 14 Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

Further information about the society and its activities may be obtained by calling 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mailing: info@bethelhistorical.org. Additional information can also be obtained by checking The Web site at www.bethelhistorical.org. The mailing address is P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

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Deb Burd, the executive director of the Western Mountains Alliance, has been invited by the Aspen Institute to share the Alliance as a national regional model at the third Regional Planning Team Retreat of Redwood Coast Rural Action from the 25th through the 27th of October at the historic Benbow Inn in Benbow, Calif. The mission of the Aspen Institute is to foster enlightened leadership, the appreciation of timeless ideas and values, and open-minded dialogue on contemporary issues. Through seminars, policy programs, conferences and leadership development initiatives, the institute and its international partners seek to promote the pursuit of common ground and deeper understanding in a nonpartisan and non-ideological setting.

RCRA is a regional collaborative of leaders from Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino and Del Norte counties along the northwest coast of California. Anchored by three regional institutions — College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University and Humboldt Area Foundation — a diverse set of 35 leaders from these four counties are in the midst of an 18-month planning process in which

they are considering working together to act as a region on issues of common concern and priority.

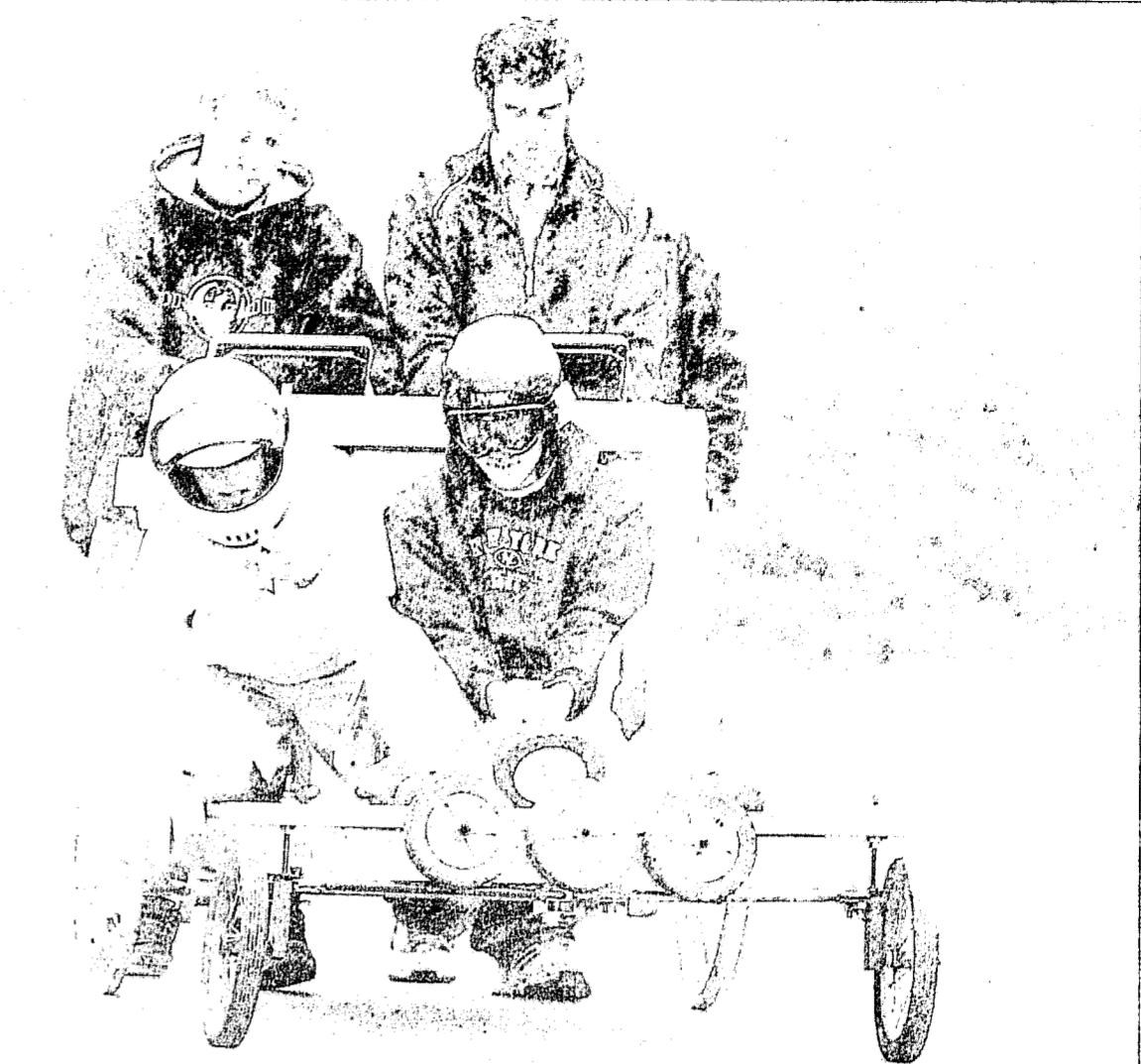
The alliance is being looked at as one model of a rural regional collaborative that is working elsewhere in the nation. Burd will participate in the entire retreat as a "spark" from outside, and in helping move small breakout group conversations forward.

For more information, contact the alliance offices at 778-7274 or visit them on the Web at: westernmountainalliance.org

*From the
Maine Veterans
Home*

The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris will once again host a Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at the South Paris facility, located at 477 High Street. The 90-bed facility is considered home to over 75 veterans, representing all branches of the military.

Guest speaker for the event will be Robin Shepard, Veterans Service Officer from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Veterans' Services. Shepard is a familiar face in the facility, as he spends two days per month there helping both residents and community veterans and dependents with service-related benefits.



PHYSICS LESSON — The students in Jim Rose's AP physics class at Telstar High School test out a dynamics cart of their own design and construction, dubbed a HAM-V (Human Acceleration Measurement Vehicle). While pilot Josh Longway steers a steady path, co-pilot Andrew Farrington monitors time and makes chalk marks on the ground at specified time intervals. Ross Parker and August Reiss provide thrust by pushing on bathroom scales mounted on the back of the cart. By watching the scales, they can maintain a constant force. After measuring the distances between successive marks, the students input the data into kinematics equations to determine the average accelerations for different forces. Once they calculate acceleration, the students use calculus to determine the cart's velocity at any given time. They can also determine the mass of the vehicle without having to weigh it by using Newton's Second Law of Motion. Later in the year they will use the cart to study momentum and energy.

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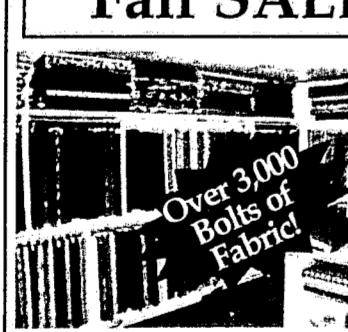
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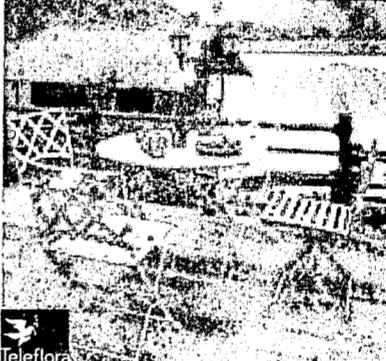
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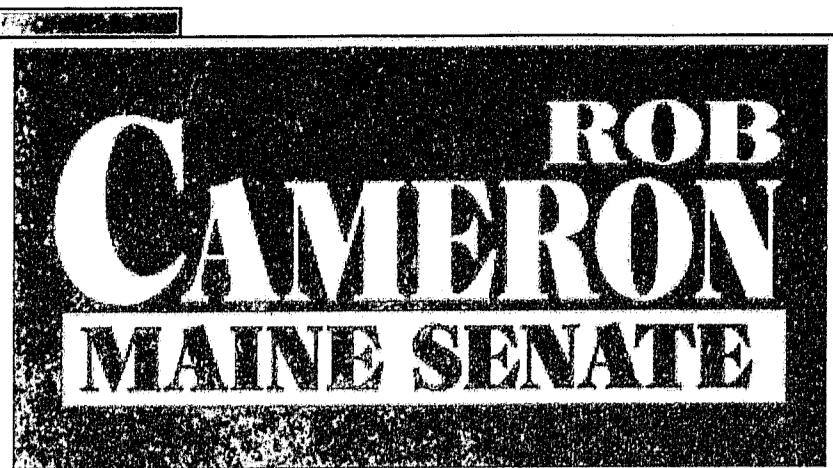
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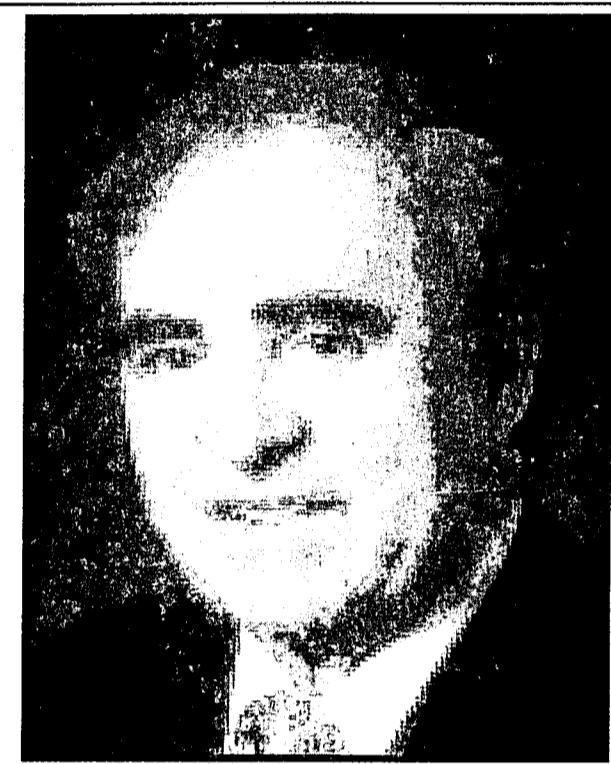


Rob Cameron has served with distinction in the Maine House of Representatives for 8 years, dedicating himself to being a voice for his constituents. Rob, a Union man, has worked at the mill in Rumford for 25 years and knows what it means to protect our jobs. He is, most importantly, the proud father of four children whom he raised with his wife Louanne on their dairy farm in Rumford.

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Arlan Jodrey, House District 91. Arlan, who lives in Bethel has served in the House for 6 years. His experience in Augusta has shown him how important it is to limit State spending to preserve Maine's economy, infrastructure and business climate. Arlan will continue to work hard to control spending in Augusta, make sure the State lives within its means and provide for a bright future for this generation and the next.



Sawin Millett, House District 95. Sawin has served in the 104th, 105th, and 121st Maine House of Representatives. He earned a 97% rating from the Maine Economic Research Institute, which rates lawmakers on their favorability towards business and economic development. Sawin currently serves as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and is a highly respected Maine legislator.

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School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Soccer

Carabec 1, Telstar 0 (penalty kicks): Oct. 22— Telstar (#5) concluded its season with a Western Maine Class C quarterfinal playoff loss to #4 Carabec.

High School Boys' J.V.A Soccer

Hebron 5, Gould 2; Oct. 23— Yuji Kawanishi helped Gould to a fast start with a goal in the first few minutes. In the second half, Benedict Fohrmann put one on net from a long way out - a sweet one touch line drive. Although Gould played hard, Hebron used their speed to their advantage.

High School Girls' J.V. Soccer

Gould 3, Hebron Academy 1; Oct. 23— Gould's Colleen Slattery turned in a great performance in goal in a win over Hebron. Alexa Stark (1) and Jen Guneyli (2) scored goals.

High School Varsity Field Hockey

Class C semifinal playoffs: Telstar 3, Lisbon 0; Oct. 23— Telstar's Mallory Brown, Liz Rosenberg and Kayla Mills each scored goals in a semifinal win over Lisbon. Brown had two assists and Mills one. Goalie Heather Gionet had five saves.

High School Boys' Cross-country

Western Maine Regionals; Oct. 23— Gould junior Alex Smith and sophomore Jackie Reis both qualified for the states Saturday with great performance Saturday in Cumberland. Smith (17th at 21:36) confessed after the race that he had a feeling it was going to be a strong race during his warm up jog around the course. "I don't know, I just had that feeling before the race," he said. Other boys' finishers included Jim Gibson (21st at 22:02), J.T. White (23rd at 22:07), sophomore Andy Long (25th at 22:46), freshman Seamus Reynolds (38th at 26:34), and junior Aiden Bozelli (39th at 26:45). Senior Tim Whiton finished fourth overall but was disqualified due to jewelry worn during the race. Among ninth graders, Gibson, White, and Reynolds finished second, third, and seventh respectively in Western Maine.

High School Girls' Cross-country

Class C Regional Championships, Oct. 23— Telstar's Brianne Bailey won the individual title in a time of 21:34.

Western Maine Regionals; Oct. 23— For Gould Academy, Jackie Reis qualified for states with a strong race at 25:00 even. Betsy Caraboolad battled a knee injury midway through the race and finished at 26:37. Kelsey Gamble was able to return to racing after some time off with a foot injury. She ran perfect threes, finishing 33rd at 33:33.

TMS Varsity Soccer

TMS 6, Peru 1; Oct. 20— Telstar's Frankie DelDuca led the scoring with three goals. Doug Costello got two and Bryce Walker put in one. Assists by Patrick Gallagher, Walker and DelDuca. Great job by everyone. The season ends 13-2 and 1. Leading scorers for the team over the season were DelDuca (20 goals); Costello (17), and Walker (12).

TMS 5, Jay 0; Oct. 19— Telstar's Frankie DelDuca led the scoring with three goals. Bryce Walker and Seana Siekmann also scored goals. Assists were made by Patrick Gallagher, Walker and Doug Costello.

TMS J.V. Soccer

TMS 2, Peru 0; Oct. 20— Telstar ended its season with a win at Peru. Both goals were scored by Michael MacKnight, with an assist by Sawyer Barter. Daniel Vaughn and Ben Field combined for another shut out in goal. Great efforts from Tyler Aldrich, Alan Hadley, Scott Billings, Eric Roy, Joshua Bellinger, Parker Thurston, Elek Pew, Darren Jodrey and Jacob Berry. The team ends their season with a 12-2 record.

TMS 4, Jay 0; Oct. 19— Telstar defeated Jay in the final game of the season for the white team. Goals were scored by Ben Field, Keith Morin and two for Sawyer Barter. Assists by Field and Barter. Daniel Vaughn and Darren Jodrey teamed up for the shutout effort. Great games played by Nick Stuer, Austin Jodrey, Michael Corriveau, Sam Hartzell, Keith Morin, Taylor Bolens, Dusty Bailey, Freedom Blackard, Bronson Cole.



REASON TO CHEER—The Telstar High School varsity field hockey team advanced to the Western Class C Championship title game with a 3-0 win over Lisbon Saturday. Mallory Brown scored the Rebels' first goal early in the game, and her teammates (above, in white) reacted. Late in the second half, Kayla Mills (below) fired a shot between the pads of the Lisbon goalie to tally Telstar's third goal. The Rebels were scheduled to host Livermore Falls yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) in the title game.

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TELSTAR J.V. SOCCER HAS WINNING SEASON

The Telstar High School J.V. soccer team concluded its season with an 11-2 record.

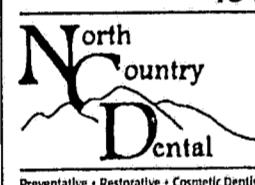
The players included sophomores Kevin Gallagher, Charles Haines, Ryan Kimball, Max Meader, Danny

Objeda, Gavin Parker, Charlie Rice, Louis Thornton, Kevin Wight and Matt Zinchuk; and freshmen Mark Emerson, Mike Fleet, Terry Gordon, Paul Saucier and Andy Whitney.

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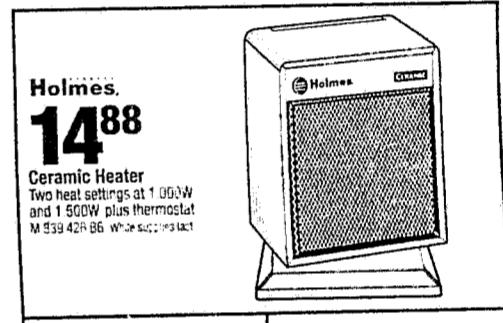
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	Movie: "Hangman's Curse"		Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club			
Joey	Will-Grace	The Apprentice	ER		News			
jl	Extreme Makeover	Political Debate	Primetime Live		News			
Old House	Made In	Antiques Roadshow	Peace by Peace: Women	Charlie Rose				
Football: Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech		SportsCenter						
CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC			
ler	Survivor: Vanuatu	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace		News			
l	Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports List	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show			
Inside the NFL		Movie: "Two Weeks Notice"		Thinking XXX				
1	Movie: "Hocus Pocus"	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World			
	Movie: "Head of State"		Movie: "The Cooler"					
ball: Montreal Alouettes at Toronto Argonauts		SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews				
al"	Movie: "Deadly Visions"		WomenRock!					
Friends	Friends	Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"	O Brother, Where Art					
nts	SpongeBob	Sabrina	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
	Movie: "Silver Bullet"		Movie: "Mimic 2"					
Law & Order: SVU		Movie: "The Scorpion King"		Thoughtcr				
Cold Case Files			Movie: "The Brooke Ellison Story"					
3.	Movie: "Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare"	WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight					

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Star Trek: Enterprise	Next Top Model	News		Fear Factor				
	Movie: "Tower of Terror"		Whose? Whose?	The 700 Club				
Dateline NBC	Third Watch	Medical Investigation		News				
8 Rules	Complete	Hope	Less Than	20/20	News			
Wash Wk	Political Debate	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers			
NBA Preseason Basketball: Pistons at Timberwolves		NBA Preseason Basketball						
CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC				
Joan of Arcadia	JAG	dr. vegas		News				
Best Damn Sports Show Period	Football	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
The Wire	The Wire	The Wire		Real Time				
Movie: "Casper Meets Wendy"	Lizzie	Phil	Braceface	Boy World				
Movie: "Double Team"		Movie: "Once Upon a Time in Mexico"						
Outdoors	CFL Football: Calgary Stampeders at Winnipeg Blue Bombers		SportsDesk					
id"	Movie: "A Face to Kill For"		Merge					
Friends	Friends	Movie: "The Matrix"						
s	Phantom	Neutron	SpongeBob	Hey Arnold!	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby
	Movie: "The Omen"		Movie: "Damien: Omen II"					
Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Monk		Law & Order: SVU				
Biography	Biography in the News	All the Presidents' Wives						
Movie: "Child's Play"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight					

'NING OCTOBER 30, 2004

2	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
Movie: "The Crow: City of Angels"	News	Red Sox	Star Trek: Enterprise					
Movie: "The Hollow"		Movie: "The Hollow"						
Game Show Moments	The Apprentice	Law & Order: SVU	News	Sat. Night				
Movie: "Monsters, Inc."		Desperate Housewives	News	CSI				
Secrets of the Dead	Nature	Nova	Red Green	Red Green				
Football: Auburn at Mississippi		SportsCenter						
Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	Wildest Police Videos	WWE Velocity					
48 Hours Mystery	Without a Trace	48 Hours Mystery	News	Ent. Tonight				
Football at Kansas State		Football	Poker Superstars					
Movie: "Gothika"		Movie: "Femme Fatale"						
Movie: "The Little Vampire"	Even	Lizzie	Phil	So Raven				
		Movie: "The Medallion"		Hot Line				
Football at Quinnipiac		SportsDesk	CFL Football: Roughriders at Lions					
Movie: "A Touch of Hope"		Missing	What Should You Do?					
College Football: Teams to Be Announced								
Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	
Movie: "Halloween 5"			Movie: "An American Werewolf in Paris"					
Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order CI					
Cold Case Files		City Confidential	The First 48					
Movie: "Howling II... Your Sister Is a Werewolf"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Freddy's				
CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Presents					

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CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	News	Red Sox	Walker, Texas Ranger			
Movie: "I Know What You Did Last Summer"	Smallville	Whose? Whose?					
American Dreams	Law Order CI	Crossing Jordan	News	Seinfeld			
Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Boston Legal	News	Practice			
Nature	Masterpiece Theatre	Buildings-Other	To Contra	Religion			
re	NFL Football: San Francisco 49ers at Chicago Bears		SportsCrt.				
Wildest Police Videos	From Dusk Till Dawn 3: The Hangman's Daughter	Movie: "Nightmares"					
Cold Case	Madam's Family: Truth About Canal Street Brothel	News	Friends				
Poker Superstars	Poker Superstars	Sports List	America	Beyond the Glory			
Sex & City	Sex & City	The Wire	Family	Entourage	Dr. Seuss-Cat		
Movie: "Under Wraps"		Movie: "Hocus Pocus"					
Movie: "From Dusk Till Dawn"		Movie: "Underworld"					
NE Journal	The Ride	Outdoors	Outdoors	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews	
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Movie: "Scream 2"			Movie: "Scream 2"				
		Movie: "Queen of the Damned"		Law & Order: SVU			
Movie: "Chocolate"			Gotti	CSI: Miami			
Movie: "Dracula: Dead and Loving It"		WGN News	Replay	Maximum Exposure			
CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Sunday Night	CNN Presents				

MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 1, 2004

2	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30

Events Calendar ~ October 28~ November 19

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 624-3160 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8901) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thursday, October 21

4 to 6 p.m. — Stephens Memorial Hospital Open House will feature the new Women's Imaging Center in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

6 p.m. — Community Potluck Supper at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road. Bring a dish to share.

October 21, 22, 23 and 24

7:30 p.m. (21,22,23) and 2 p.m. (24) — "Marvin's Room" a play by Scott McPherson, fall production at Theatre UMF, Farmington. Tickets: \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$5 for other students. FMI: 778-7072.

Friday, October 22

Grandparents Day at Woodstock School.

9:30 a.m. to 12 noon — Kids & Money workshop will be held at the Extension Office on Olson Road, South Paris. The workshop deals with issues of children and money. Open to public free of charge. Registration required by Oct. 18. FMI: or to register, call the Extension Office at 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

6 p.m. — Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program, sponsored jointly by the Maine Council of Churches' Environmental Justice Program and Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club, potluck supper followed by an interactive and informative program, "Turning to Earth: Ecological Conversion," at 7:15 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. FMI: Sierra Club (761-5616) or Andy Burt at Maine Council of Churches (623-0500), or to register call the Extension Office at 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

October 22 and 23

4 to 7 p.m. — Good Shepherd Parish October Fest spaghetti/meatball supper at St. Michael School gym, 240 Blanchard Street, Berlin, N.H. Raffles, arts and crafts, children's games, bake sale and silent auction. FMI: (603) 752-2880.

7:30 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: "The Hunchback of Buckfield, Maine," the theater's 7th annual Halloween production. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children 12 and under available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield, or call the box office at 336-3306. Visa and MasterCard accepted. FMI: visit www.oddfellow.com.

Saturday, October 23

9 a.m. (doors open) — Albany Improvement Association Fall Yard Sale at Albany Town Hall on the corner of Vernon Street and Hunt's Corner Road. No early birds, please.

9 a.m. to noon — Buck-a-Bag Sale on West Paris Library lawn. For a dollar, people purchase a grocery bag and fill it with books. Anyone wishing may tour the facility and view the plans for expansion. Rain date: Saturday, Nov. 13, same time, same place.

9 a.m. to 12 noon — "Understanding Mental Illness," an informational workshop at Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Church Street, Bethel, with presenters Diane Farnum and Rhonda Bunker. Lunch provided (for planning, R.S.V.P. Diane Farnum (369-0542), Rhonda Bunker (324-3076) or Geri Shimamura (824-7289).

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — West Paris Grange Fair and Flea Market at Grange Hall. Crafts, baked goods, garden produce, luncheon. For rental call Elsie at 674-3544. FMI or to donate: call Pat (674-3241) or Bertha (674-3046).

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — First Annual Smile Fund Fair at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, hosted by the church. An inside yard sale in the basement with treasures from many households. Beverages and baked goods at the "Coffee Shop." Proceeds will be used for people in need of dental work that is not covered by insurance or Medicaid.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Craft Fair at Woodstock Elementary School, Bryant Pond, sponsored by the Woodstock PTA. Bake sale and Chinese auction. Tables: \$10 each (crafters asked to donate small item). FMI or to rent table: 665-2211 or e-mail wakefield@sad4.org.

10 a.m. to 12 noon. — Father and Child Events trip to Pooh Corner Farm, Bog Road, on Route 2 seven miles west of Bethel on Bog Road. Rain date: Oct. 24, 1 to 3 p.m. Children, all ages welcome. Stub Stone is leader. Visit Rook, Piglet, Eeyore, and Rabbit, pick and carve your favorite pumpkin. Call 583-2803 to sign up, leave a message including phone number.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Book signing, "Once Upon A Farm" by Lloyd Crossland, Burton Crossland, Joyce Morgan, Fern Stearns, Gail Parent at Pennacook Art Gallery, Congress Street, Rumford. Stories about the Crossland Farm. Four of

the five authors will be present.

12 noon — Locke Mills Union Church Community Event. Hot dogs, snacks and beverages, activities for children and youth, hay ride (1:30 p.m.) in church parking lot with teamster Harry Hutchinson and his Belgian horses.

5 p.m. — Harvest Supper at Alder River Grange, East Bethel.

7 p.m. — Fiddle-licious, Forty Fiddlers Playing Traditional Music presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council at Bingham Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Tickets: \$4 students, \$6 adults at the door. FMI: 824-3575.

8 to 11 p.m. — Old Fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society. Come and enjoy.

Sunday, October 24

2 p.m. — Pampered Chef Party, a fundraiser to benefit Andover Elementary School for new playground equipment. If you can't make it that day, the catalogue will be available at the school.

Tuesday, October 26

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Flu Shot Clinic at West Paris Grange.

6 p.m. — Telstar Alumni Association meeting at Telstar Regional High School conference room.

6 p.m. — Hanover Town Meeting at Town House, Howard Pond Road.

6 to 8 p.m. — F.A.C.E.S. (Family/Friends And Consumers for Education and Support) free monthly program will be, "Why Don't They Just Stop? — An Empathetic Look at the Struggle to Change," will be held at Beacon House, 150 Congress Street, Rumford. For more information about the group, call 824-3076, 364-0878 or 369-0542.

6:30 p.m. — Bethel Lions Club meeting at Cross Roads Diner and Deli, Bethel.

Wednesday, October 27

6 to 8 p.m. — At Maine Wildlife Park, Gray: Halloween Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse Night Hike. Bring your own flashlights. Kids that wear their costumes receive door prizes. Regular admission fee will be charged (free for ages 3 and under; \$3.25 ages 5-12; \$5 for adults, and \$4 for seniors). Groups of 15 or more are \$2.50 per person. Canceled if raining. FMI: 657-4977 www.mefishwildlife.com.

Thursday, October 28

5:30 p.m. — Veal Pot Roast Dinner at Rumford Eagles Hall, to benefit Oxford County Democrats. Guest: Gov. John Baldacci. Tickets: \$7 per person, \$6 seniors and children under 12. FMI: Rep. John Patrick, 364-7666.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Berlin, N.H., Main Street Program, in collaboration with N.H. Liquor Commission's Wine and Food program will host the annual fundraiser "Toast to the Valley" wine tasting event at Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H. 10 different wine brokers. Tickets: \$20 available at Greetings Jewelers, Lorraine Leclercs Electrologist and Berlin Main Street office (lower floor of the Courthouse) and at Town & Country Motor Inn. FMI: (603) 752-6246 or (603) 752-3239.

7 p.m. — At Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library, 227 Main Street, Lovell: "Mandala" by Timothy Richardson. Composed of 38 episodes covering Abraham Lincoln's 56 years from birth to death; the poems 534 pages long. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. FMI: 925-3177 or e-mail aromer@hobbs.lib.me.us.

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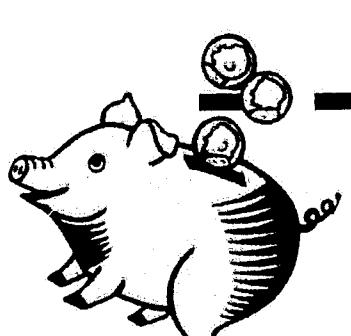
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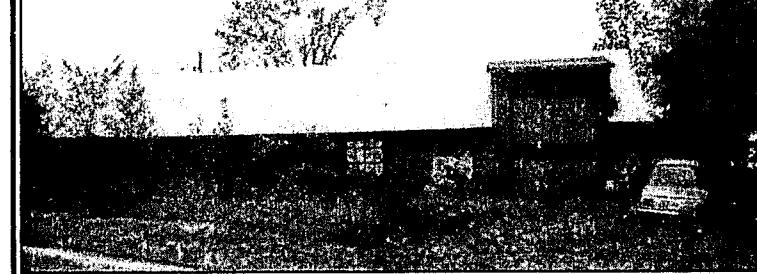
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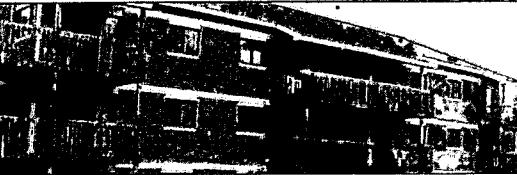
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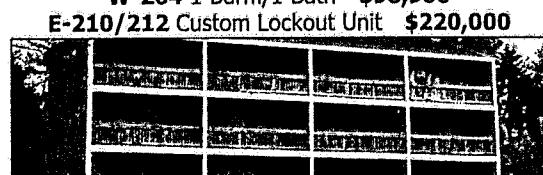
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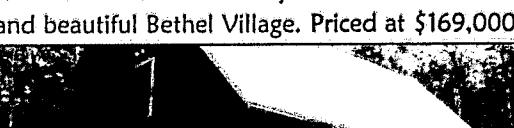
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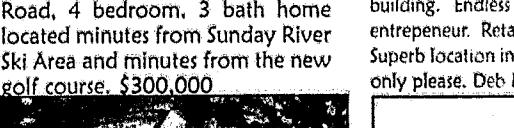
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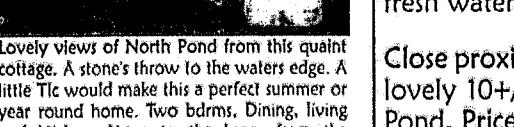
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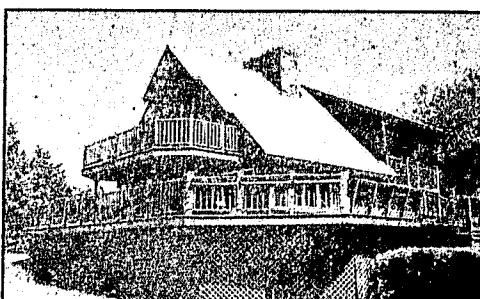
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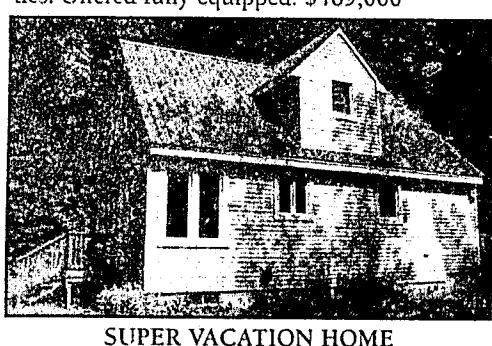
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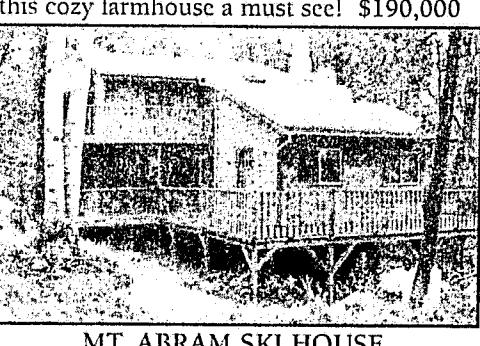
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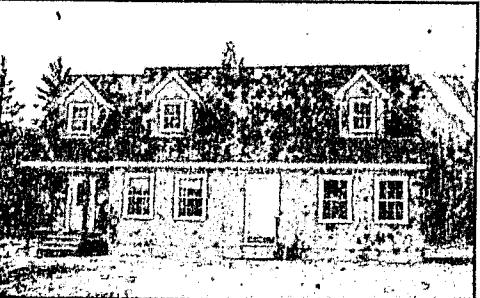
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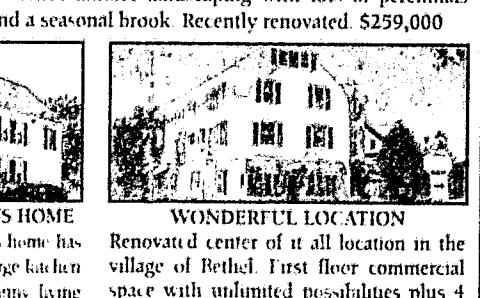
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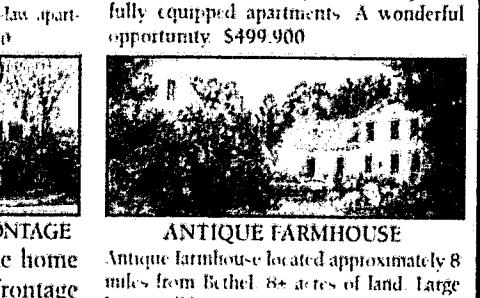
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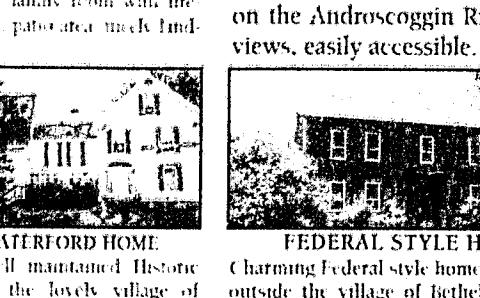
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Obituaries



Hauppauge, N.Y., Caleb DesRoches of North Carolina, and Emily Fredrique Georgia DesRoches of Hauppauge, N.Y.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, with the Reverends Ginger Rickerman and Bruce Young officiating. Memorials in his memory are suggested to the Alna Fire Department, 1568 Alna Road, Alna, ME 04535.

SAMUEL J. REDMAN

Samuel J. Redman II passed away on Oct. 21, 2004 at his home in Bryant Pond with his family by his side.

He was born in Hanover on Dec. 2, 1942, son of the late Phillip J. and Eva (Merrill) DesRoches. He attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1960, and married the former Ruth Searles on Nov. 3, 1967.

As a child he was an altar boy. He graduated from Bentley College in Boston in 1963, and joined the Navy in January 1964.

He was a partner in the Chester Technical Services of Guilford, Conn., and later worked for Tellabs for 20 years. He loved golf and fishing and was a member of the Boothbay Country Club as well as being active in the Alna Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife of Alna; two sons, Dustin Phillip DesRoches of Hauppauge, N.Y., and Jay Douglas DesRoches of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Carol Verrill of Woolwich and Judith Smith of Lewiston; three grandchildren, Olivia DesRoches, of

son and Michael T. Redman. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Wayne D. Redman.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to: Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04243 or Tri-Town Rescuer, P.O. Box 275, West Paris, ME 04289.

ALBERT H. TAYLOR

Albert "Al" H. Taylor, 71, of Farwell Avenue, Cumberland, died Oct. 22, 2004, at his residence following a brief illness.

He was born in West Bethel, a son of Howard and Alice Stewart Taylor. Al attended local schools and graduated in 1953 from Gould Academy in Bethel.

In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for most of his enlistment.

He worked at Merrill Transport Company in Portland and Central Maine Power in Portland where he retired.

After retirement he continued working at A.H. Grover in North Yarmouth. He was a member of the Deering Lodge A.F. & A.M. and was a lifetime member of the Bethel Historical Society and the Cumberland Fire Department. He was also a member of the Tuttle Road United Methodist Church and a former member of the

Cumberland Jaycees.

He enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandchildren and spending time at his camp in Gilford where he enjoyed brook fishing in the area.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathleen B. Bridges Taylor of Cumberland; two daughters, Judy T. Gagnon and her husband David of Gorham, Susan T. Grover and her husband Ben of Cumberland; a son, Jeffrey A. Taylor and his wife Denise of North Yarmouth; grandchildren, Danielle Gagnon, Lee Grover, Molly Grover, Tricia Grover, Meagan Grover, Samantha Taylor and Janelle Taylor; sisters, Ruby Hanley of Bristol, Grace Douglass of Bethel. He was pre-deceased by a granddaughter, Allison Leigh Gagnon and a sister, Marion Cole.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Tuttle Road United Methodist Church, 52 Tuttle Road, Cumberland, with the Rev. Mark Monson-Alley officiating. A private burial with military honors will take place at Blanchard Cemetery in Falmouth. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Taylor grandchildren education fund may be made to: The Albert H. Taylor Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 322, Cumberland Center, ME 04021

ORA M. RYERSON

Ora M. Ryerson, 89, of West Paris, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004 at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center.

She was born in North Paris on June 28, 1915, the daughter of James and Ethel Merrill Gibbs. She was a graduate of West Paris High School in June of 1932.

She married Donald A. Ryerson on Dec. 29, 1934. He predeceased her on May 9, 1999. She worked at Penley Bros. for 32 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Frances Noyes of West Paris and Genneth Berryment and her husband Tom of Bryant Pond; a son, Herbert L. Ryerson and his wife Eleanor of West Paris; a stepson, Robert Heath and his wife Jeanette of Peru; a brother, George Gibbs of Woodstock; a granddaughter-in-law, Kristi Berryment; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a great-granddaughter, Ashleigh Noyes; a grandson, Troy Berryment; a stepgranddaughter, Deborah Dube; two sisters, Madeline and Ethelyn; and two brothers, Bill and John.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris, with interment at Pleasant Pond Cemetery, Sumner.

Card of Thanks

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Then, someone at my side says: "There! She's gone!" Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There! She's gone..."

There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the shout, "There she comes!"

-Henry Van Dyke

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